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STATEMENT BY OKLAHOMA CITY MAYOR AND U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS PRESIDENT MICK CORNETT ON THE DEATH OF FORMER INDIANAPOLIS MAYOR WILLIAM H. HUDNUT, III

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Conference of Mayors President Oklahoma City Mayor Mick Cornett issued the following statement regarding the death of former Indianapolis Mayor William Hudnut, III:

“America’s mayors have lost a great colleague, leader, and friend. Bill Hudnut’s four terms as mayor of Indianapolis from 1976-1990, made him that city’s longest-serving mayor. Being mayor was in his blood, and later in his career he served as Mayor of the Town of Chevy Chase, Maryland.

“An active member of The U.S. Conference of Mayors, Mayor Hudnut led our efforts in support of civil rights in the 1980s. A strong believer in the role of universities as partners with mayors in addressing their cities’ challenges, he was instrumental in the creation of the Conference’s Mayors and Metro Universities Task Force, which continues today.

“During his 16 years as Mayor of Indianapolis, more than \$4 billion were invested in downtown development and dozens of major building projects were completed. His vision for his City was that it be “both economically competitive and compassionate toward urban and human problems,” and it is clear that he achieved this vision.

“Bill Hudnut set a high standard for America’s mayors and for all Americans, a standard we all strive to achieve. We will miss him. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Beverly, his children, his large family, and many friends.”

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