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**EMMA V. WOLFANGER
DIPLOMA, 1934**

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

Shortridge High School originated as Indianapolis High School. The high school closed following the 1858 decision of *City of Lafayette v. Jenners*, which held that taxing towns to fund schools was unconstitutional. Abram Crum Shortridge (1833-1919) reopened the high school in 1864 after becoming superintendent of Indianapolis public schools a year earlier. Shortridge resigned in 1874, and the Indianapolis H.S. was renamed Shortridge in 1897. Shortridge H.S. moved from Michigan and Pennsylvania to 34th and Meridian streets in 1928. The high school was nationally recognized as an urban learning environment of academic excellence and rigorous curriculum. Shortridge faculty and students facilitated various extracurricular programs and clubs. The school boasted a daily student publication called the *Daily Echo*. The PTA was especially instrumental in organizing community fundraisers to help students purchase textbooks and school supplies in the Depression-era 1930s.

In the 1960s, increasing out-migration, suburbanization and post-desegregation racial tension led to the decline in white student enrollment at Shortridge. Despite implementing selective entrance examinations, the high school continued its decline, losing potential students to newer suburban schools. Shortridge H.S. closed as a high school in 1981, and later reopened as a middle school. Currently, it is the Shortridge Magnet High School for Law & Public Policy.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of a Shortridge High School diploma awarded to Emma V. Wolfanger dated June 6, 1934. The certificate includes an official seal as well as the signatures of the principal (George Buck), superintendent (Paul C. Stetson), president (Julian Wetzel), and secretary (F. L. Reissner).

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