

**HOUSE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_**

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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring and commending Colonel and Editor Gerald L. "Jerry" Sargent, for his life time of Public Service, and the occasion of his 75th birthday, November 30, 2000.

*Whereas, Gerald Lee Sargent was born November 30, 1925 in Bloomington;*

*Whereas, he graduated from Bloomington High School in 1943;*

*Whereas, he volunteered to serve in United States Navy in 1944 taking basic training at the Great Lakes Training Center; from there he was assigned to the U.S.S. Tollberg, an attack destroyer, as a Radioman 3rd Class and later as a Gunnery Supervisor;*

*Whereas, he served in the North and South Atlantic, the Mediterranean and the South Pacific theaters of World War II;*

*Whereas, he earned the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with two Bronze Stars for action at Leyte Gulf and Okinawa;*

*Whereas, he earned the American Theater Ribbon, the American Defense Service Medal, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, the Good Conduct Ribbon and the World War II Victory Medal;*

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*Whereas, upon returning home from the war, he attended the Indiana University School of Journalism and graduated in 1949.*

*Whereas, he also received a commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Army Infantry after four years as a ROTC cadet at Indiana University;*

*Whereas, he was called to active service in the Korean Conflict in 1950, as a 1st Lieutenant, then as a Captain in the Continental United States, before being sent to the Pusan Perimeter, where he served at U.S. Army Headquarters until reassigned in 1951;*

*Whereas, he served until 1980 in the United States 70th Training Division, consisting of Infantry based troops from Indiana and Michigan;*

*Whereas, he graduated from the United States Industrial War College at Ft. McNair, Virginia in 1975, having entered the Federal Selective Service System as a Major in 1960.*

*Whereas, he was promoted to Colonel under General Lewis B. Hershey, with his office located at Ft. Benjamin Harrison;*

*Whereas, he married Mary Frances Steivers on September 21, 1975 on the campus of the University of Indianapolis;*

*Whereas, Jerry Sergent served as editor of "The Perry Township Weekly" starting in 1962, and is now editor emeritus of its successor, "The Southside Times";*

*Whereas, his civilian career as a journalist spanned 50 years working as a reporter, editorial writer and eventually a television personality for television station WTTV;*

*Whereas, he telecast the first ever game of the*



*Indianapolis Indians in 1954;*

*Whereas, he served as a Congressional Aide to U.S. Representative William G. Bray from 1955 to 1974;*

*Whereas, he obtained membership in the Beech Grove American Legion Post #276 in 1955, making the year 2001 his 55th year of consecutive membership;*

*Whereas, Gerald L. Sargent, Col. USAR, was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal in July 1980;*

*Whereas, he was honorably discharged August 14, 1980, after 34 years of service to the United States Armed Forces;*

*Whereas, he is the recipient of many awards including the Sagamore of the Wabash in 1982 and the Man of the Year for the City of Greenwood in 2001;*

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives  
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,  
the Senate concurring:*

1           SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly honors and  
2 commends Colonel and Editor Gerald L. "Jerry" Sargent, a native  
3 Hoosier, for his life time of public service to the citizens of the state of  
4 Indiana, his community, and our country, and sends best wishes for his  
5 75th birthday.

6           SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the Indiana House of  
7 Representatives transmit 3 copies of this resolution to Col. and Mrs.  
8 Jerry Sargent.

