

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION to honor Governor Joseph E. Kernan for his service to the State of Indiana and the Indiana Senate.

YOUNG R, GARTON

_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



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SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

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Whereas, Governor Kernan, after the untimely death of Governor Frank L. O'Bannon, Lt. Governor Kernan was sworn in as Indiana's 48th Governor on September 13, 2003;

Whereas, Governor Kernan's service as Governor confirmed his commitment to Indiana's children and seniors, and other Hoosiers so often lost in today's rough and tumble political world. In addition, Governor Kernan's commitment to diversity and inclusion was confirmed by his selection of Katherine Davis, as the state's first female Lieutenant Governor, and David Lewis, an African-American selected for service as the state's Clerk of Courts;

Whereas, prior to his elevation to Governor, Governor Kernan was elected Lieutenant Governor in 1996 and again in 2000. As Lieutenant Governor, Governor Kernan served as President of the Indiana Senate, the Director of the Indiana Department of Commerce, Commissioner of Agriculture, and as Chair of the Indiana 21st Century Research and Technology

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Whereas, as Lieutenant Governor in 1998, Governor Kernan organized and led the bi-partisan Agricultural Crisis and the Insurance Industry Working Groups. In 1999, he launched the Veterans Outreach Initiative, an effort to encourage veterans to take advantage of state and federal benefits they earned by serving our country. In addition, as Lieutenant Governor, Governor Kernan championed Indiana's 2002 comprehensive tax restructuring plan and the "Energize Indiana" job creation plan encouraging investment in research and technology, rural development, workforce development and intermodal transportation;

Whereas, prior to his service as a state-wide elected official, Governor Kernan, was elected Mayor of South Bend in 1987, 1991 and 1995. Governor Kernan also served the City of South Bend as City Controller from 1981 to 1984; and

Whereas, Governor Kernan honorably served his country as a U.S. Naval Flight Officer during the Vietnam Conflict, and while serving his country was shot down by the enemy and held as a prisoner of war for nearly 11 months, receiving the Navy Commendation Medal, two Purple Hearts and the Distinguished Flying Cross for his service: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. That the Senate of the General Assembly of
2 the State of Indiana, on behalf of the citizens of the State of
3 Indiana, expresses its appreciation and affection for Governor
4 Joe Kernan in recognition of his years of service to this body
5 and the people of the State of Indiana.

6 SECTION 2. That the Secretary of the Senate is hereby
7 directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Governor
8 Kernan and his lovely wife, Maggie.

