

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

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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION memorializing John Jefferson  
"Jeff" Hays.

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**Brown C, Stilwell, Crouch,  
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*Whereas, John Jefferson "Jeff" Hays was born on December 27, 1929, in Archer City, Texas, the fourth child of Vera Pruitt Hays and Joseph Colin Hays;*

*Whereas, Jeff Hays graduated from Evansville Reitz Memorial High School in 1947;*

*Whereas, In the fall of 1947, Jeff Hays entered the University of Evansville on a football scholarship;*

*Whereas, His active participation in the U.S. Army was "adamantly encouraged" in August 1951;*

*Whereas, After completing training at Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky, Jeff Hays was sent to Korea in May 1952 and spent three months on the front lines with an infantry company of the 45th Division, later transferring to the Office of Public Information for Division Headquarters and eventually editing the division newspaper from a newspaper print shop in Tokyo, Japan;*

*Whereas, Jeff Hays was awarded a Bronze Star decoration in connection with "military operations against an armed enemy in Korea" and for "front line coverage under enemy fire which contributed materially to the morale and welfare of the men in the 45th Division";*



*Whereas, Jeff Hays was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army in August 1953;*

*Whereas, Following his military service, Jeff Hays re-entered the University of Evansville, graduating in 1955 with a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing with a minor in journalism;*

*Whereas, He lived out his own indomitable spirit of public service and faith in the democratic principles of our nation;*

*Whereas, Jeff Hays faithfully, humbly, and honorably served in the Indiana House of Representatives from 1970 to 1996, actively representing the citizens of Evansville's Central City and Southeastern Vanderburgh County;*

*Whereas, Jeff Hays was a valued member of the powerful budget-writing House Ways & Means Committee and served as chairman of the House Standing Committee on Commerce;*

*Whereas, His legislative successes were consistently achieved in pursuit of social justice and equal opportunity for all;*

*Whereas, Among the political achievements of which Jeff Hays was proudest included running as the Democratic candidate for mayor in 1975 (losing to the late Russell G. Lloyd, Sr.), supporting U.S. Senator Edward "Ted" Kennedy for president in 1980, and serving as a delegate to the 1992 Democratic Party National Convention that first nominated Bill Clinton for president;*

*Whereas, Jeff Hays passed from this life on December 22, 2008; and*

*Whereas, His wife, children, and grandchildren were the greatest delights in his life, far and away his favorite subject of conversation within the halls of the statehouse and elsewhere: Therefore,*



*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 members of the Indiana General Assembly  
2 send our greetings, condolences, and salutations to the family, friends,  
3 and former constituents of our beloved colleague, John Jefferson "Jeff"  
4 Hays. His life exemplified the powers of hard work and devotion when  
5 directed purposefully to a worthy cause.

6           SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
7 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the family of John  
8 Jefferson "Jeff" Hays.

