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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Linda and the late Larry Thorpe for their selfless commitment to providing a loving home for mentally and physically challenged young people in the Jamestown community.

Whereas, Linda and the late Larry Thorpe are the proud parents of thirty four children. They have three natural children, and have either adopted or taken guardianship over thirty one others;

Whereas, Twenty two of their children, ranging in age from five to thirty two, still live at home - almost all of them with some type of physical or mental disability and some of the children have both;

Whereas, Over the past thirty years, the Thorpes have welcomed into their home over three hundred foster children afflicted wit various debilitating conditions including severe autism and shaken baby syndrome;

Whereas, Linda, together with a small team of nurses and volunteers, works tirelessly every day to home school and care for each of her beloved children. Over the last few months Linda and the nurses have been receiving additional training to take over many of the duties Larry lovingly completed;



Whereas, Damar Services, an organization that helps children and adults with developmental disabilities has been providing assistance in the Thorpe home for many years;

Whereas, For Christmas 2008, knowing this was likely his last Christmas, Larry wrote each of the children a letter relating his feelings and memories. Larry passed away in February 2009 after an almost year long battle with cancer;

Whereas, The Thorpe's labor of love has touched the Jamestown community in a profound way and continues to inspire neighbors and friends; and

Whereas, Larry and Linda Thorpe built their lives on a foundation of love for each other and faith in God. Their ability to share their love and faith with others has made a lasting impact on the lives of their thirty four children, the hundreds of other children they have cared for over the years, the Jamestown community, and the State of Indiana; Therefore:

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

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly hereby honors
2 Linda and the late Larry Thorpe for building a loving home for their
3 family and for their dedication to caring for children with physical and
4 mental disabilities.

5 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is directed to transmit a
6 copy of this resolution to the Thorpe family and Damar services.

