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*Whereas, During the Vietnam War, Ralph Tolan served in the U.S. Army as a helicopter mechanic, crew chief, and machine gunner;*

*Whereas, After being honorably discharged in 1971, Tolan came back to his hometown of Indianapolis and joined the American Legion;*

*Whereas, Tolan is a 37-year member of Speedway American Legion Post 500, serving in almost every office available. Tolan served as the Sergeant-at-Arms, First Vice Commander, Post Commander, and as 11<sup>th</sup> District Commander;*

*Whereas, Tolan was also the chairman of all four permanent department commissions: Americanism, Children & Youth, Internal Affairs, and Rehabilitation;*

*Whereas, The National Organization of the American Legion recognized Tolan for his outstanding leadership skills, service as a long-time member of the Americanism Commission, and service on several National Convention committees held in Indianapolis in 1991 and 1995;*

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*Whereas, Tolan was elected to serve as 2008-2009 State Commander of the American Legion Department of Indiana, at the organizations' 90<sup>th</sup> annual state convention on July 13, 2008, in Indianapolis, Indiana;*

*Whereas, Tolan's tenure as Commander of the American Legion Department of Indiana includes his two special projects: the remodeling of a full dorm at the Indiana Soldiers and Sailors Children's Home at Knightstown, and strengthening the Hoosier Boys State program by allocating more funds to their scholarship program;*

*Whereas, Tolan's family includes his wife Chrissie, their two children, and their three grandchildren, who are all members of the American Legion Family; and*

*Whereas, Commander Ralph Tolan's motto is "Soaring Together," which encapsulates his dedication to mutual support, open communication, and teamwork: Therefore,*

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

1           SECTION 1. The Indiana General Assembly honors Commander  
2           Ralph Tolan for his outstanding service as the State Commander of the  
3           American Legion Department of Indiana.

4           SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to  
5           transmit a copy of this Resolution to Ralph Tolan and the American  
6           Legion Department of Indiana.

