

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION memorializing Thomas Patrick Higgins.

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SENATE RESOLUTION _____

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION memorializing Thomas Patrick
2 Higgins.

3 *Whereas, Thomas Patrick Higgins of Muncie, Indiana,*
4 *passed away on September 1, 2020;*

5 *Whereas, Thomas was born on July 1, 1957, to Mary*
6 *Frances Higgins and Thomas J. Higgins in New Jersey;*

7 *Whereas, Thomas had three siblings, Susan, David, and*
8 *Sean, and he grew up in Princeton and Kendall Park, New*
9 *Jersey, before moving to St. Petersburg, Florida, with his*
10 *family;*

11 *Whereas, Tom graduated from St. Petersburg Catholic*
12 *High School, attended college at the University of Florida, and,*
13 *upon completion of his undergraduate degree, Tom went on to*
14 *attend Ball State University where he earned a Master of*
15 *Urban Planning degree;*

16 *Whereas, A Hoosier by choice, Tom worked as a*
17 *professional planner in Anderson, Westfield, and Marion, and*
18 *with Gove Associates Engineering in Indianapolis;*

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1 *Whereas, As a professional planner, Tom made a*
 2 *permanent impact on Indiana, most notably creating the first*
 3 *Geographic Information System and securing the location of*
 4 *the Hoosier Park/Churchill Downs for the city of Anderson,*
 5 *ensuring quality growth throughout the residential and retail*
 6 *development in Westfield and Marion, ensuring the safety of*
 7 *rural water supplies, taking part in the engineering and park*
 8 *design for Morrow's Meadow Park in Yorktown, and creating*
 9 *several park plans for various Hoosier communities;*

10 *Whereas, Tom's compassion extended beyond his love for*
 11 *building a better Indiana, as he also spent his time serving*
 12 *people with intellectual disabilities and mental health needs,*
 13 *most recently working at Hillcroft Services in Muncie;*

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 15 *Whereas, A people-oriented person, Tom loved to tell*
 16 *stories, make jokes, give endearing nicknames and was beloved*
 17 *by all who knew him; and*

18 *Whereas, Tom deeply loved his family and friends,*
 19 *especially his son Ryan Patrick Gray Higgins, and he will be*
 20 *greatly missed by his son, the mother of his son Judith I. Gray,*
 21 *his brothers David (Rosemary Perfit) Higgins and Sean (Berty)*
 22 *Higgins, his sister-in-law Marilyn (William) Robinson, his*
 23 *brother-in-law Kyle (Diana) Gray, his nieces Keli Higgins,*
 24 *Julia (Troy) Piwowski, Emily (Jeff) Gartner, Anna Perfit and*
 25 *Hillary Perfit, his nephew Matthew (Rebekah) Kellams, his*
 26 *great-nephew Hayden Kellams, and his dearest friend Timothy*
 27 *Scott: Therefore,*

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

30 SECTION 1. The Indiana Senate memorializes Thomas
 31 Higgins.

32 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
 33 to transmit five copies of this Resolution to Ryan Patrick Gray



1 Higgins, David M. Higgins, Sean X. Higgins, Timothy Scott,
2 and Judith I. Gray.

