

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring Marietta Wright, Phil Rogers, John German, Bob Wilkerson and John E. Wilson for their many contributions to our community and state during Black History Month 2017.

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_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring Marietta Wright, Phil
2 Rogers, John German, Bob Wilkerson and John E. Wilson for
3 their many contributions to our community and state during
4 Black History Month 2017.

5 *Whereas, Marietta Wright worked for 30 years as a*
6 *program director with the Greater Community Center and*
7 *Anderson Community Schools, helping create many new*
8 *programs such as the Senior High School Club, Junior High*
9 *School Club, Girl Scouts Club, Youth Swim Club, Women and*
10 *Girls Softball League, Men and Boys Softball League, Sew*
11 *Seamstress Club, and the Youth Bowling League;*

12 *Whereas, Phil Rogers whose time in our community was*
13 *marked by a number of milestones, he was the first African-*
14 *American paramedic, first African-American fire department*
15 *chief in Madison County, and the first paramedic appointed*
16 *chief of the Anderson Fire Department;*

17 *Whereas, John German was the first black member of the*
18 *Anderson City Council when he was elected in 1976;*

19 *Whereas, Bob Wilkerson, a 6'6" guard/forward born in*



1 *Anderson, Indiana and attended Indiana University, where he*
2 *was a member of the Hoosiers' 1976 NCAA Championship*
3 *team. From 1976 to 1983 he played in the National Basketball*
4 *Association as a member of the Seattle Supersonics, Denver*
5 *Nuggets, Chicago Bulls, and Cleveland Cavaliers, averaging*
6 *10.1 points per game during his NBA career; and*

7 *Whereas, John E. Wilson, popularly known as "Jumpin'*
8 *Johnny Wilson" attended school at Anderson High School.*
9 *John was the Captain of the Anderson Indians basketball team*
10 *and was named Indiana's Mr. Basketball. In the 1946 high*
11 *school championship game he scored 30 of the team's 67 points*
12 *in victory over Fort Wayne Central High School, setting a*
13 *record. John went on to play basketball for Anderson College*
14 *and then for the Harlem Globetrotters from 1949-1954. John*
15 *also played baseball for one year with the Chicago American*
16 *Giants in the Negro Leagues: Therefore,*

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

19 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate honors Marietta Wright, Phil
20 Rogers, John German, Bob Wilkerson, and John E. Wilson during
21 Black History Month for their many contributions to our community
22 and state.

23 SECTION 2. That the Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
24 submit 5 copies of this Resolution to the families of Marietta Wright,
25 Phil Rogers, John German, Bob Wilkerson, and John E. Wilson.

