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**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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Whereas, The George Foster Peabody Awards, established in 1939 and first awarded in 1940, recognize distinguished achievement and meritorious public service by radio and television networks, stations, producing organizations, cable television organizations, and individuals;

Whereas, These awards perpetuate the memory of the banker-philanthropist George Foster Peabody whose name they bear;

Whereas, Judging is done by a 15-person National Advisory Board that meets annually at the University of Georgia for intensive deliberations;

Whereas, Karen Hensel was one of 33 recipients of a George Foster Peabody Award, and was chosen from nearly 1,300 entries;

Whereas, Karen Hensel received her George Foster Peabody Award for the documentary entitled "Christopher";

Whereas, "Christopher" is about an 11-year-old boy, Christopher Nixon, who died after being hit by a car, and is the story of his parents' decision to donate his organs;

Whereas, "Christopher" provides a rare and unique glimpse into the professional and personal issues raised by organ



donation;

Whereas, "Christopher" is being used as an educational tool in high schools, and is used to teach doctors and nurses about organ donation;

Whereas, In addition to "Christopher", Karen Hensel has also received national recognition for another documentary entitled "Death Row Convictions", the story of a Fort Wayne man's eight week, five state crack and crime spree that ended in murder and his conviction and sentence to death row;

Whereas, The "Death Row Convictions" documentary is dedicated to the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program and is used by police, courts, teachers, and parents across the country;

Whereas, Although Karen Hensel is the driving force behind these two magnificent documentaries, much of the credit also goes to other WANE-TV, Channel 15 employees who worked so diligently with her on these two projects;

Whereas, Born in Indianapolis, Indiana, Karen Hensel graduated from Lawrence North High School and earned a B.A. in telecommunications from Purdue University;

Whereas, In addition to her work at the television station, Karen is active in the Fort Wayne community, receiving numerous awards, including the Fort Wayne YWCA Woman of Achievement Award and Big Sister of the Year Award, and is a member of the Mayor's Task force on Domestic Violence, Rape and Sexual Harassment;

Whereas, Karen is a member of the St. Francis Business Council and is active in the Fort Wayne Women's Bureau; and

Whereas, Journalism is a special calling and when practiced the right way lights the way to better communities, a better nation, and better lives for people: 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 wishes to
2 acknowledge the accomplishments of Karen Hensel and to thank her
3 for her efforts toward the betterment of her community and her state.

4 SECTION 2. That the secretary of the Senate shall transmit copies
5 of this resolution to Karen Hensel and her family and to WANE-TV,
6 Channel 15, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

