

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9

Introduced by Representatives:
Duane Chaney, Charlie Brown, Ralph D. Ayres, Robert Kuzman
Sponsored by Senators:
Rose A. Antich, William E. Alexa

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A HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION recognizing Sheriff David Reynolds for his efforts in establishing and diligence in enforcing a handicapped parking program.

WHEREAS, There are approximately 40 million Americans with disabilities;

WHEREAS, These Americans have been given certain privileges to help them function more easily in a society that does not always accommodate their needs;

WHEREAS, One of these privileges is the availability of handicapped parking spaces;

WHEREAS, Upon entering many parking lots, there are signs directing disabled patrons to the designated handicapped parking spaces;

WHEREAS, These spaces are located nearest to the building;

WHEREAS, These spaces are often occupied by people who are not handicapped and who do not possess a handicapped license plate or sticker;

WHEREAS, If people who are not handicapped occupy these spaces, the handicapped are forced to park farther away;

WHEREAS, When Sheriff Reynolds was elected in November, 1998, he established a Disabled Parking Police Program in Porter County;

WHEREAS, This program makes Porter County the only county with a countywide program to enforce handicapped parking violations;

WHEREAS, Sheriff Reynolds has worked diligently, often on his days off, to develop a training manual to facilitate the institution of this program;

WHEREAS, Sheriff Reynolds' program has been the model for programs established in Texas and Vermont; and

WHEREAS, The United States has led the way to the future by creating the most open society for those with disabilities:

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

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly wishes to commend Sheriff David Reynolds on his efforts in establishing a Disabled Parking Police Program and enforcing the laws concerning handicapped parking in Porter County.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Sheriff David Reynolds.

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