

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION to honor Senator Morris H. Mills for his 32 years of distinguished service to the Indiana General Assembly and to congratulate him on his retirement from the Indiana State Senate.

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SENATE RESOLUTION

MR. PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

A SENATE RESOLUTION to honor Senator Morris H. Mills for his 32 years of distinguished service to the Indiana General Assembly and to congratulate him on his retirement from the Indiana State Senate.

Whereas, Senator Morris Mills is retiring from the General Assembly upon the end of this legislative session after 28 years of service in the Senate and four years in the House of Representatives;

Whereas, Senator Mills has faithfully and zealously represented Senate District 35, constituting the region of southwest Marion County, northeast Morgan County, and northwest Johnson County;

Whereas, Senator Mills has played an integral role as a leader in the Senate, serving in various positions of significant responsibility and influence, including Assistant President Pro Tempore, Chairman of the Budget Subcommittee of the Senate Finance Committee, Chairman of the Commerce and Consumer Affairs Committee, member of the Planning and Economic Development Committee, as well as serving as a member of the prominent State Budget Committee;

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Whereas, his successful business background translated into the development of key policy decisions and legislation, particularly in the areas of commerce, finance, and education;

Whereas, his significant legislative contributions have been in the areas of education finance, commerce, and state finance. In particular, Senator Mills has served as the principal negotiator of 14 state budgets, authored cross county banking legislation, and authored 14 school funding formulas;

Whereas, for his support in the area of education and education finance, Senator Mills received special awards by the Indiana Vocational Association and the Indiana State Teachers Association, and he was appointed by President Ronald Reagan in 1982 to chair the National Advisory Council on Continuing Education;

Whereas, His impact as an active leader also extended beyond the General Assembly, where Senator Mills previously served with the following organizations:

*Greater Indianapolis Progress Committee,
President and Director of Earlham College Foundation,
Member of Conner Prairie Board,
Director of Corporation for Science and Technology,
Central Indiana Farm Bureau,
Director of Marion County Farm Bureau Cooperative,
Lt. Governor's Trade Delegation to Brazil (1981),
Governor's Trade Mission to the Far East (1987),
Lt. Governor's Trade Delegation to eastern Europe (1990),
Host of Council on Foreign Diplomats,
Chairman and member of the National Advisory Council on Continuing Education (1982-86),
Advisory Board of the Indiana Education Policy Center,*



Advisory Board of the Dyslexia Institute of Indiana (Camp Delafield), and Dean's Advisory Committee, Purdue School of Agriculture;

Whereas, Senator Mills remains active outside of the General Assembly today, including service and membership with the following organizations:

Member, Dean's Advisory Group of Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis Economic Development Corporation, Indiana Association of Independent Colleges, Clerk, Valley Mills Friends Meeting, Chair, Financial Drive for Western Yearly Meeting of Friends, Greater Indianapolis Republican Finance Committee, Decatur Township Republican Club, Eagle Creek Township Republican Club, and Wayne Township Republican Club;

Whereas, despite his active involvement within the General Assembly and throughout this great state, Senator Mills always kept his family as his highest priority. He and his beloved wife, Mary Ann, are the proud parents of three sons and grandparents of seven wonderful grandchildren;

Whereas, for their exemplification of achievement, courage, and vision, and in recognition of their impact on Indiana history, Conner Prairie Living History Museum recently awarded Senator Mills and his family the first annual Spirit of the Prairie Award; and

Whereas, Senator Mills, who is regarded by those who have worked with him as a great man of character and possessing the highest degree of integrity, intellect and patience, will be sorely missed in the General Assembly: Therefore,



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

SECTION 1. That the Indiana State Senate hereby congratulates Senator Morris H. Mills on his retirement after 32 years of invaluable, dedicated, and inspirational legislative service to this great state.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Senator Morris H. Mills, wife Mary Ann Mills, and sons Douglas Mills, Frederic Mills, and Gordon Mills.

