

**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

Introduced by: Duncan

A HOUSE RESOLUTION to honor Neil E. Solgere for being an instrumental member of the Greensburg community for close to 40 years, as well as his unwavering service and dedication to his family and church.

Whereas, Neil was born on March 8, 1929 to the late Louis and Mayme Solgere, joining two brothers, Norman and Lloyd;

Whereas, Neil graduated at the top of his class from Greensburg High School in 1947, where he also won the Scholar-Athlete award in 1947;

Whereas, Neil graduated from Purdue University with a degree in Chemical Engineering and shortly thereafter, served his country in the Korean War;

Whereas, Neil married Greta Fisher in June 1956;

Whereas, following his tour in the Korean War, Neil was employed by 3-M in St. Paul, Minnesota and then transferred



to Memphis, Tennessee;

Whereas, while living in Tennessee, Neil and Greta had three children: Gary, Scott and Vicki;

Whereas, Neil's son Gary graduated from Purdue's School of Business and is now part owner of the family business, Dry Clime Lamp. His son, Scott is a graduate of the School of Mechanical Engineering at Purdue University and has his own business in Houston. Vicki is also a Purdue graduate where she received a degree from the School of Hotel Management;

Whereas, Neil was an active member of St. Mary's Church and helped organize the Parish Council and later served as the council's president;

Whereas, Neil organized the "Kiddie Olympic Games" for the church school for over 30 years. He also took the time to coach the 5th and 6th grade basketball team for five years;

Whereas, Neil and his wife, Greta were recipients of the award for "Outstanding Service Rendered to St. Mary's Church" in 1991;

Whereas, Neil also devoted considerable time to the following worthy organizations: Big Brothers and Big Sisters, the Greensburg Chamber of Commerce, the United Fund where he served on the Board of Directors, the YMCA, the Board of Directors of the Indiana Manufacturers Association, Meals on Wheels, and the Housing Authority Board;

Whereas, some of the awards that Neil received for his outstanding community service include: the Greensburg Optimist of the Year (1996), the Big Brothers, Big Sisters "Bill Tucker" Memorial Award (1997), the Volunteer of the Year Award from the Decatur County United Fund which was also awarded to his wife, Greta in 1998 and finally, the Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award in 1998;

Whereas, Neil was a true humanitarian who believed that it was always better to give than to receive;



Whereas, Neil was a true model for the young people in our community;

Whereas, Neil's example showed how volunteers could make a difference in their community; and

Whereas, Neil was one of Greensburg and Decatur County's most outstanding citizens. He was a true friend to all who made his acquaintance; Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives honors Neil E. Solgere for his outstanding service to his community and its people. His charitable contributions of time, energy and effort were appreciated by many people and are a true testament to how special Neil was to Decatur County.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the Indiana House of Representatives is directed to transmit four copies of this resolution to Representative Cleo Duncan.

