

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION memorializing the LaPorte Herald-Argus Publisher, Clem Otolski, for his commitment to the newspaper and to the LaPorte community.

Whereas, Publisher Clem Otolski passed away on Friday March 8, 2002 of a neuromuscular disease after a 16-month battle; and

Whereas, he leaves his wife of 41 years, Pat, and his five children, Greg, Mike, Brian, Steve, Tom, and Shelly; and

Whereas, Mr. Otolski started his career with the Herald-Argus on February 1, 1961 as a junior accountant; and

Whereas, he immediately had loftier goals; and

Whereas, he was promoted to business manager of the Herald-Argus in 1964 and remained at the position until he became the publisher in 1985; and

Whereas, Mr. Otolski was only the fifth publisher since the merger of the Daily Herald and the Argus Bulletin in 1924; and

Whereas, Len R. Small, president of the parent company of the Herald-Argus said, "Clem was a source of strength and support to the Herald-Argus for his entire working life. His dedication, intelligence and strength of character aided and guided the newspaper through decades of growth and improvement;" and

Whereas, Otolski was tough when he need to be, but he was never

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too busy to lend a fatherly ear to an employee with a problem; and

Whereas, Herald-Argus Business Manager Bob Rehlander said, "Clem was my mentor and friend who cared for his fellow human being;" and

Whereas, Clem Otolski was equally concerned with the community as he was with the success of the newspaper; and

Whereas, he became one of the first appointees to the LaPorte Redevelopment Commission; and

Whereas, he worked on many task forces that focused on improving LaPorte's economic status and image; and

Whereas, he served as a board of directors member for the Salvation Army; and

Whereas, Clem Otolski also served as a HOSTS (Helping Other Students to Succeed) mentor at Handley Elementary School from the tutoring program's inception until his illness prevented him from doing so; and

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 General Assembly extend to his devoted
2 wife Pat, his children, Greg, Mike, Brian, Steve, Tom, and Shelly, and
3 his mother, Sophie.

4 SECTION 2. That the General Assembly take this action to honor
5 and perpetuate the memory of this kind and giving man who was a
6 devoted employee, husband, father, grandfather, dedicated public
7 servant, and tireless civic and community leader.

8 SECTION 3. That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
9 this resolution of condolence and memorial to his wife, Pat Otolski,
10 sons, Greg Otolski, Mike Otolski, Brian Otolski, Steve Otoski, Tom
11 Otolski, daughter, Shelly Otwinowski, mother, Sophie Otolski,
12 president of the parent company of the Herald-Argus, Len R. Small,
13 and LaPorte Chamber of Commerce President, Todd Dickard.

