

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION memorializing and honoring Dale Helmerich, a man who was a tireless advocate for the elderly after spending decades in elected office.

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION memorializing and honoring the life of the late Dale Winfred Helmerich, a man who became a tireless advocate for the elderly after spending decades in elected office.

Whereas, Mr. Dale Helmerich was a dynamic man born on July 7, 1931 in Pike County, Indiana to Ed and Lillie (Collins) Helmerich;

Whereas, Mr. Helmerich in 1951 commenced employment with the City of Huntingburg gas department where he was promoted to Superintendent of the gas department in 1956;

Whereas, Mr. Helmerich was elected Mayor of the City of Huntingburg in 1963 and was re-elected five additional four year terms;

Whereas, as Mayor, Mr. Helmerich planned the city's first thirty elderly housing units under the Housing and Urban Development program and another sixty with a private developer, served as a youth, church and Scouting leader, organized the city's first Herbsfest, implemented a German exchange program that underscored the city's heritage, established a city transit system in 1976 that continues to assist the elderly, and played an instrumental role in establishing a senior center in Huntingburg;

Whereas, after serving numerous terms as Mayor of the City of Huntingburg, Mr. Helmerich went on to do volunteer work starting in 1988 until his death;

Whereas, Mr. Helmerich served as Associate State Director for the

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American Association for Retired Persons (AARP) and in his capacity as such implemented activities in Southwest Indiana and mentored area volunteers;

Whereas, Mr. Helmerich received the AARP Andrus Award for community service which recognizes members and volunteers who, through volunteer service, are enhancing members' lives in the areas of economic security and work, life transition issues, and personal enrichment;

Whereas, Mr. Helmerich worked with Acordia Insurance company as a Senior Ambassador for Medicare and supplemental insurance for nine years, served as Vice Chairperson of the Community and Home Options to Institutional Care for the Elderly (CHOICE) for which he made tireless efforts to secure funding;

Whereas, Mr. Helmerich was a chairperson of the Governor's Council on Aging where he advocated for expansion of the Hoosier Rx program and increased funding for home and community-based services for seniors throughout the state;

Whereas, Mr. Helmerich hosted a weekly community television show on WJTS-UPN TV 27 where he spoke out on and discussed telephone fraud, Social Security, Medicare and other topics of concern for the elderly and received an Excellence in Consumer education Award from the Indiana Attorney General;

Whereas, Mr. Helmerich's other accolades and achievements also include: serving on a seven-member committee submitting nominations to the Governor for vacancies on the Indiana Regulatory Commission; serving on the Indiana Commission on Aging and the Indiana Money Management Committee; honoree of the Sagamore of the Wabash, which is the highest civilian honor the Governor can bestow; Indiana delegate to a White House conference on aging in Washington D.C.; former "Older Hoosier of the Year" and chairman of the Providence Home Health-Care Center's advisory board; founder of the Older Hoosier Program and the Dubois County Issues of Active and Informed Adults; serving in different capacities including past president of the Huntingburg Kiwanis Club with twenty-seven years of perfect attendance; serving as district chairman of the Lincoln Trails District from 1978-1980, chairman of the 80th Anniversary Celebration to be held July 5, 2003, and assisted in the development of the Handicap Scouting program for the buffalo Trace Council for Boy Scout Troop #181; President of the Board of Overseers at St. Meinrad College/



Seminary for Community Action for Community Development since 1978; serving as charter member for twenty years of the Huntingburg Eagles #3335; Loyal Order of the Moose; Legion of Moose; Dubois County Lodge #520 F&AM; honoree of Indiana Sagamore Wabash as a Kentucky Colonel and Generations 2000 Age of Excellence Award for Media Representative of the Year; DAV Commander's Club; Lincoln Boyhood Drama Association; Golden Active Democrats; serving as Associate Member of the Indiana State Police Alliance; Congressmen's Club of House Members; serving on the trust committee for Evansville/Vincennes/New Albany District for the Santa Claus Campground; Member of the Huntingburg United Methodist Church for forty-five years and a Sunday School Teacher for thirty years; serving on the Tri-Cap Board of Directors for the counties of Dubois, Pike, Warrick for twenty years in the capacity of president, vice president and treasurer; Pike County Council on Aging Chairman; and Providence Home & Health Care Advisory Board Chairman; and

Whereas, Mr. Helmerich was preceded in death by one sister, Mary E. Hoffhouse; three brothers: Wayne D., Gerald E., and Charles W. Helmerich; one half sister, Fern Blemker; and one half brother, Robert E. Studer and survived by one sister, Helen M. Lehmkuhler; one brother, Eugene F. Helmerich; and several nieces and nephews.

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 memorialize and honor
2 the late Dale Winfred Helmerich, a truly dedicated man who made
3 significant contributions to his community.

4 SECTION 2. That the Secretary of the Senate shall transmit copies
5 of this resolution to Mr. Helmerich's sister, Helen M. Lehmkuhler and
6 Mr. Helmerich's brother, Eugene F. Helmerich.

