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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION memorializing George Neagu.

2 *Whereas, George Neagu passed away on February 25, 2017,*
3 *at the age of 88;*

4 *Whereas, Born on August 21, 1928, in Gary, Indiana,*
5 *George Neagu was a civil rights activist for most of his life;*

6 *Whereas, Neagu graduated from college with a degree in*
7 *journalism and earned a master's degree in education*
8 *psychology;*

9 *Whereas, While attending graduate school at the University*
10 *of Chicago, George Neagu became interested in working for*
11 *civil rights throughout our nation, fighting segregation while*
12 *standing up for the equal treatment of others;*

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1 *Whereas, In 1962, during the civil rights movement, he was*
2 *head of the Combined Citizens Committee for Open Occupancy,*
3 *fighting for equal housing rights in the city of Gary, Indiana;*

4 *Whereas, George Neagu served on the Michigan City*
5 *Human Rights Commission, was vice president and a board*
6 *member of the International Friendship Gardens, was active in*
7 *the League of Women Voters, and was a founding member of*
8 *the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Celebration*
9 *Committee;*

10 *Whereas, George Neagu was on a first-name basis with*
11 *many activists and leaders including his friend, Martin Luther*
12 *King, Jr.;*

13 *Whereas, After King's assassination, he stood for two hours*
14 *outside Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta to pay his final*
15 *respects and was later part of the lengthy procession to*
16 *Morehouse College for a public funeral service;*

17 *Whereas, A longtime NAACP member, George Neagu served*
18 *as chair of the Gary Youth Council of the NAACP and as*
19 *President of the Indiana Fair Housing Committee;*

20 *Whereas, George Neagu was deeply involved in the 1960s*
21 *civil rights movement and even had a cross burned in front of*
22 *his Northwest Indiana home;*

23 *Whereas, he also helped advance the rights of all races and*
24 *led on issues such as higher wages and safer working*
25 *conditions;*

26 *Whereas, In 2014, George Neagu was recognized by the*
27 *Michigan City Human Rights Commission as Humanitarian of*
28 *the Year;*

29 *Whereas, George Neagu never stopped protecting the human*
30 *rights of others even against long odds; and*

31 *Whereas, The death of George Neagu has left a void in the*
32 *hearts of many, especially those who continue to advance the*



1 *rights of others: Therefore,*

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

4 SECTION 1. That the members of the Indiana House of
5 Representatives express their deepest condolences to the family of
6 George Neagu and their sincere thanks for all he has done for the civil
7 rights of Hoosiers everywhere.

8 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
9 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the family of
10 George Neagu.

