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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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2 Kazez and Dr. Sharon Kazez upon their retirements as
3 President and first lady of the University of Evansville.

4 *Whereas, Before being inaugurated as president of the*
5 *University of Evansville on October 1, 2010, Dr. Thomas Kazez*
6 *served on the faculty at Davidson College, as the Dean of the*
7 *College at the University of the South, and as Provost and*
8 *Executive Vice President at Furman University, while Dr.*
9 *Sharon Kazez was a full-time educator for more than 30 years*
10 *and served as the dean and vice president for arts and*
11 *academics at the South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts*
12 *and Humanities;*

13 *Whereas, Under President Kazez's leadership, the*
14 *University of Evansville implemented a facilities master plan*
15 *for renovations and additions to key academic buildings,*
16 *secured the largest financial gift in UE history, constructed the*
17 *McCarthy Greenhouse, completed land acquisitions around*
18 *UE's learning center in England, and moved the historic*
19 *Peters-Margedant House to the UE campus;*

20 *Whereas, During the Kazez's tenure, the University*
21 *enhanced the Center for Career Development, created the "UE*
22 *Guarantee" to ensure substantial financial aid, internships,*
23 *study abroad, and four-year graduation, and added new*
24 *academic programs including Statistics and Data Science,*
25 *Masters in Public Health, Logistics and Supply Chain*
26 *Management, Ethics and Social Change, University Studies, a*
27 *Physician Assistant Masters program, Fellows program, and a*



1 *Learning-in-Retirement program;*

2 *Whereas, President Kazee served in leadership roles on the*
 3 *Council of Independent Colleges, the National Association of*
 4 *Independent Colleges and Universities, the New American*
 5 *Colleges and Universities Consortium, and the Independent*
 6 *Colleges of Indiana;*

7 *Whereas, Dr. Sharon Kazee was instrumental in founding*
 8 *the DaVinci Institute, served on boards for the Signature*
 9 *School, Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra, St. Vincent-*
 10 *Evansville Hospital, University of Evansville Theatre Society,*
 11 *and the Evansville Museum as an advocate for arts and*
 12 *education, and participated in the Evansville Public Art*
 13 *Commission, the University of Evansville Art Collection*
 14 *Committee, Evansville Women Stepping Up, Women's Equality*
 15 *Day Planning Committee, the University of Evansville's*
 16 *President's Club Executive Committee, and served as the chair*
 17 *of the Council of Independent Colleges' Presidential Spouses*
 18 *and Partners Task Force;*

19 *Whereas, Dr. Sharon Kazee received the University of*
 20 *Evansville's Theatre Society's 2017 Barbara St. Clair*
 21 *McKenna Award, the Arts Council of Southwestern Indiana's*
 22 *2015 Arts Council Educator Award, the 2015 and 2017*
 23 *Mayor's Arts Award for Education, and was a finalist for the*
 24 *2012 Athena Award;*

25 *Whereas, Thomas and Sharon Kazee will step down on May*
 26 *31, 2018, after serving eight years as the 23rd president and*
 27 *first lady of the University of Evansville; and*

28 *Whereas, During retirement, the Kazees plan to travel, visit*
 29 *with family, read, do some woodworking, and pick up the oboe*
 30 *again: Therefore,*

31 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*
 32 *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

33 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly honors



1 Dr. Thomas Kazez and Dr. Sharon Kazez upon their retirements
2 as President and first lady of the University of Evansville and
3 thanks them for their years of service and dedication to the
4 University of Evansville, the Southwest Indiana community,
5 and the State.

6 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
7 to transmit copies of this Resolution to Dr. Thomas Kazez and
8 Dr. Sharon Kazez.

