

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____ (ss)

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A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring Senator Joe Zakas upon his retirement from the Indiana State Senate.

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring Senator Joe Zakas
2 upon his retirement from the Indiana State Senate.

3 *Whereas, Senator Joe Zakas has faithfully and honorably*
4 *served the constituents of Senate District 11, encompassing*
5 *parts of St. Joseph and Elkhart counties, since his election in*
6 *1982;*

7 *Whereas, Senator Zakas has been a pillar of leadership*
8 *under multiple facets within the Senate Majority Caucus,*
9 *holding the positions of Assistant Majority Whip, Majority*
10 *Whip, and his current position of Majority Floor Leader*
11 *Emeritus;*

12 *Whereas, Senator Zakas' leadership extended to his work*
13 *as the Chair of numerous committees, including Civil Law,*
14 *Appointments and Claims, Ethics, Judiciary, Code Revision*
15 *Commission, Governmental and Regulatory Affairs, and*
16 *Governmental Affairs and Transportation, and subcommittees*
17 *including Probate Code and Trust, Civil Matters, Corrections*
18 *and Criminal, Governmental Affairs, Civil Law, Regulatory*
19 *Affairs, and Public Safety;*

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1 *Whereas, Senator Zakas was instrumental in establishing*
2 *Indiana's Amber Alert Program to help transmit information*
3 *about recently abducted children from local authorities to*
4 *broadcasters who immediately and repeatedly broadcast*
5 *information to galvanize the community to assist in the search*
6 *for and the safe recovery of the child;*

7 *Whereas, Senator Zakas contributed to legislation*
8 *increasing oversight of violent sex offenders through GPS*
9 *monitoring, requiring DNA samples upon felony arrests to*
10 *solve crimes and exonerate the innocent, and establishing the*
11 *Crime Victims Bill of Rights under the Indiana Constitution.*
12 *He has also been a leader in updating Indiana's trust and*
13 *probate law and policy, guardianship requirements and*
14 *adoption laws;*

15 *Whereas, Senator Zakas supported legislation to ensure*
16 *balanced budgets, cut income taxes, eliminate death and*
17 *business inventory taxes, and support property tax caps to spur*
18 *economic growth and job creation and establish Indiana as the*
19 *best state tax climate in the Midwest;*

20 *Whereas, Senator Zakas remained active in his community*
21 *by attending events at the University of Notre Dame, lecturing*
22 *at continuing legal education seminars, and serving on the*
23 *Board of Directors for REAL Services, the Advisory Board of*
24 *Indiana University South Bend and the Executive Committee of*
25 *the LaSalle Council of the Boy Scouts of America;*

26 *Whereas, Senator Zakas participated in organizations,*
27 *including the Indiana and St. Joseph County Bar Associations,*
28 *the National Conference of State Legislators and the Council*
29 *of State Governments. He was also an original member of the*
30 *Great Lakes Legislative Caucus;*

31 *Whereas, Senator Zakas is married to his loving wife, Anne,*
32 *with whom he has four children and two grandchildren; and*



1 *Whereas, Senator Zakas' expertise in his field, support for*
2 *local community, and decades of service and leadership will be*
3 *greatly missed within the Indiana State Senate and throughout*
4 *the Statehouse: Therefore,*

5 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
6 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

7 SECTION 1. That the Indiana State Senate honors Senator Joe
8 Zakas upon his retirement and thanks him for his decades of service to
9 the Indiana State Senate.

10 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
11 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Senator Joe Zakas and his family.

