

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION memorializing Cleveland
"Deacon" Harp.

**FREEMAN, SANDLIN,
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_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION memorializing Cleveland
2 "Deacon" Harp.

3 *Whereas, Cleveland "Deacon" Harp was, as he often put it,*
4 *"blessed with a great life" that began on September 2, 1934;*

5 *Whereas, As a child in the 1940s, Mr. Harp began what*
6 *would be a long life in sports when he worked as a bat boy for*
7 *the Indianapolis Clowns of the Negro American League;*

8 *Whereas, After receiving the encouragement of legendary*
9 *coach Ray Crowe, the six-foot seven-inch Mr. Harp played*
10 *basketball for Crispus Attucks High School where, from humble*
11 *beginnings, he went on to have a successful high school career,*
12 *including a 1953 regional championship;*

13 *Whereas, Following high school, Mr. Harp had a 13-year*
14 *professional basketball career playing for several barnstorming*
15 *teams, including the Harlem Globetrotters, the Harlem*
16 *Magicians, the Harlem Astronauts, and a team organized by*
17 *Mr. Harp himself, the Harlem Vagabonds;*

18 *Whereas, After his playing career ended, Mr. Harp*

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1 *managed restaurants and apartment buildings before returning*
2 *to Indianapolis at the age of 63 and becoming an usher at*
3 *Market Square Arena;*
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5 *Whereas, Despite a cancer diagnosis that would ultimately*
6 *cost him his voice box, Mr. Harp became a fixture of the*
7 *Indianapolis basketball scene for more than 20 years, spending*
8 *what he considered a cherished time getting to know people*
9 *while "just being himself"; and*

10 *Whereas, Mr. Harp was a distinguished gentleman who*
11 *worked hard, respected others, feared God, and led "a life*
12 *marvelously lived": Therefore,*

13 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
14 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

15 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate memorializes
16 Cleveland "Deacon" Harp.

17 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
18 to transmit copies of this Resolution to Barry and Saberina
19 Crone, Brittany Crone, Stephen Crone, Rebekah Crone, Kierstin
20 Crone, and Samuel Crone.

