

**HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION memorializing and honoring
Representative Phyllis Pond.

**Bosma, Richardson, Friend, Pelath, Arnold L, Austin, Bacon,
Baird, Bartlett, Battles, Bauer, Behning, Braun, Brown C,
Brown T, Burton, Candelaria Reardon, Carbaugh, Cherry,
Clere, Cox, Crouch, Culver, Davisson, DeLaney, Dermody,
DeVon, Dvorak, Eberhart, Errington, Forestal, Frizzell,
Frye R, GiaQuinta, Goodin, Gutwein, Hale, Hamm, Harman,
Harris, Heaton, Heuer, Huston, Karickhoff, Kersey,
Kirchhofer, Klinker, Koch, Kubacki, Lawson L, Lehe,
Lehman, Leonard, Lucas, Lutz, Macer, Mahan, Mayfield,
McMillin, McNamara, Messmer, Moed, Morris, Morrison,
Moseley, Neese, Negele, Niemeyer, Niezgodski, Ober, Pierce,
Porter, Price, Pryor, Rhoads, Riecken, Saunders, Shackelford,
Slager, Smaltz, Smith M, Smith V, Soliday, Speedy, Stemler,
Steuerwald, Summers, Thompson, Torr, Truitt, Turner,
Ubelhor, VanDenburgh, VanNatter, Washburne, Wesco,
Wolkins, Zent, Ziemke**

_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



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Whereas, Phyllis Pond was born on October 25, 1930, to the late Clifford and Rosa Ruble;

Whereas, Phyllis grew up on a farm northeast of Warren, Indiana;

Whereas, Phyllis graduated from Warren High School in 1948, Ball State University in 1951, and Indiana University School of Education in 1963;

Whereas, Before teaching kindergarten for 37 years at New Haven Elementary School, Phyllis also taught school in Eaton, Raleigh, and Plymouth;

Whereas, Phyllis was elected to the Indiana House of Representatives in 1978 and was the longest serving female state representative in the history of Indiana;

Whereas, Phyllis was also the first female lawmaker to earn a seat in the front row of the House Chamber, which is reserved for House leaders or representatives with the most seniority;

Whereas, Among her many achievements during her 35 year career in the House of Representatives, Phyllis authored the Primetime Education Bill, which capped kindergarten through third grade classroom sizes at 18. She also authored



a bill that established a program for mediation in marriage dissolution actions as well as a bill that established the Indiana Conference for Legal Education Opportunity ("CLEO") program, which assists Indiana minority, low income, or educationally disadvantaged college graduates in pursuing a law degree and a career in the Indiana legal community;

Whereas, Phyllis took great pride in being one of the few non-attorney members of the Committee on Judiciary, which she served on for many years;

Whereas, During her 35 years of service in the House of Representatives, Phyllis was a member of the Committee on Ways and Means for 23 years;

Whereas, As a retired teacher, Phyllis understood the obstacles teachers face daily in the classroom and was passionate in her efforts to combat those obstacles through legislative initiatives;

Whereas, Phyllis was awarded the state's highest award, The Sagamore of the Wabash, on November 2, 1984, by Governor Robert Orr;

Whereas, Phyllis was very active in service to her community by serving as a Girl Scout leader, 4-H leader, and Cub Scout den mother;

Whereas, Phyllis was a longtime member of Emanuel Lutheran Church in New Haven;

Whereas, Phyllis loved her family: George, her husband of 62 years; children Douglas, William, and Jean; daughter-in-law Cami; grandchildren Greg and Scott Pond, Joel Aiken, and Jennifer Knepp, and Jennifer's husband, Jon; and great-grandchildren Beatrice, Walker, and Eleanore;

Whereas, Phyllis passed away on September 22, 2013, after losing a battle with pulmonary fibrosis; and

Whereas, Phyllis will be missed by all of her colleagues in the Indiana General Assembly, and her dedication and



service to her district and all Hoosiers will continue to be fondly remembered by all: Therefore,

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

1 SECTION 1. That the members of the Indiana General Assembly
2 memorialize and honor the life of Representative Phyllis Pond.

3 SECTION 2. The Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives
4 is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to George Pond,
5 Douglas Pond and his family, Dr. William Pond and his family, and
6 Jean Grasmick and her family.

