

**HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the Indiana Department of Transportation to rename two bridges over U.S. Highway 50 in Daviess County after David Graham and James Newland.

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_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



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Whereas, The creation of a highway connecting Evansville to Indianapolis required years of hard work by dedicated people;

Whereas, Two of these people are David Graham and James Newland;

Whereas, David Graham was born in February 1927 into a southern Indiana family with strong ties to the automobile industry and family farming;

Whereas, David Graham spent his working life on his farm and as a banker and political organizer;

Whereas, After retiring in his sixties, David Graham became involved in the Southwestern Indiana Regional Highway Coalition (SWIRHC) to build a road connecting Evansville and Indianapolis;

Whereas, After a study determined that the project was not economically feasible, David Graham began to look elsewhere for support;

Whereas, With the help of John D. Caruthers of Shreveport, Louisiana, the Mid-Continent Highway Coalition came to be;



Whereas, At the time of the creation of the Mid-Continent Highway Coalition, James Newland was running the SWIRHC;

Whereas, David Graham recruited James Newland to join the Mid-Continent Highway Coalition where he worked tirelessly for more than a decade advocating, both in Indiana and on a national scale, for the highway; and

Whereas, These two dedicated Hoosiers worked tirelessly for many years trying to improve the lives of Hoosiers by creating a safer, quicker route to Indianapolis: 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 Indiana General Assembly recognizes the
- 2 dedication of David Graham and James Newland in securing a highway
- 3 connecting Evansville to Indianapolis by urging the Indiana
- 4 Department of Transportation to rename two bridges over U.S.
- 5 Highway 50 in Daviess County east of Washington (I69-14-09515 SB
- 6 and I69-14-09525 NB) after David Graham and James Newland.
- 7 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 8 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the families of
- 9 David Graham and James Newland.

