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2 Cates.

3 *Whereas, David Clay Cates was born on October 8, 1959, in*
4 *Evansville, Indiana, to Mary Ann and Dr. Jeryl R. Cates. He*
5 *passed away on December 9, 2020, at the age of 61;*

6 *Whereas, The Honorable Judge Cates was deeply involved in*
7 *his community, having been a resident of Kosciusko County for*
8 *34 years after graduating in 1985 with his juris doctor from*
9 *Indiana University School of Law in Indianapolis;*

10 *Whereas, Judge Cates was a graduate of Indianapolis Ben*
11 *Davis High School and received his bachelor of science from*
12 *Purdue University in 1982;*

13 *Whereas, Judge Cates was a proud Boilermaker and enjoyed*
14 *membership in the Purdue Alumni Association, John Purdue*
15 *Club, and Kosciusko County Purdue Alumni Club;*

16 *Whereas, Judge Cates moved to Syracuse after graduating*
17 *law school and practiced law with Pickwick Block. He later*
18 *became partner at the law firm Green, Cates and Grossnickle,*
19 *LLP, and he worked with and was a member of the Indiana*
20 *State and Kosciusko County Bar Associations for many years;*

21 *Whereas, Judge Cates was a registered mediator and served*
22 *more than 100 days as judge pro tem in Kosciusko County*
23 *Court, and was admitted to practice with the Indiana Supreme*
24 *Court, Northern and Southern Federal District Courts, and*
25 *U.S. 7th Circuit Court of Appeals;*



1 *Whereas, Judge Cates was elected as superior court judge in*
2 *2014 and brought a wealth of knowledge and experience to the*
3 *position with his many years of private practice, including*
4 *serving 26 years as the second attorney in the history of the*
5 *Wawasee Community School Corporation;*

6 *Whereas, Judge Cates served on the Republican staff of the*
7 *Indiana House of Representatives from 1981 to 1984. He was*
8 *past executive secretary of the Indiana Judicial Study*
9 *Commission, Judicial Nominating Commission, and Judicial*
10 *Qualifications Commission;*

11 *Whereas, Judge Cates was a Republican Party delegate to the*
12 *Indiana Republican State Convention twice and served as*
13 *sergeant of arms with the Indiana State Republican*
14 *Convention. He was active in the local Republican Party and*
15 *served as former vice-precinct committee member;*

16 *Whereas, Judge Cates was named honorary Indiana secretary*
17 *of state for his years of service to the Indiana General Assembly*
18 *and for his work with the Indiana Republican party;*

19 *Whereas, Judge Cates was an avid fisherman and*
20 *outdoorsman who enjoyed membership in Ducks Unlimited, the*
21 *National Rifle Association, Webster Lake Musky Club, Muskies*
22 *Inc. International, and the K21 Health Foundation;*

23 *Whereas, Judge Cates sought to better his community by*
24 *contributing his time, talent, and knowledge to many roles,*
25 *including president and board member for the Lakeland Youth*
26 *Center, president and board member for Lakeland Community*
27 *Services, board member for Teen Parents Succeeding, trustee*
28 *of the Milford Library Board, certified Hunter Education*
29 *instructor, and as a member of the Syracuse-Wawasee*
30 *Chamber of Commerce, the Syracuse-Wawasee Rotary Club,*
31 *ABATE of Indiana, Calvary United Methodist Church, and the*
32 *American Legion Herbert Kuhn Post 253;*

33 *Whereas, Judge Cates will be lovingly remembered by his*
34 *wife, Kimberly Dawn; sons, Jeryl and Jeremy; stepson,*
35 *Christopher; stepdaughter, Abbigail; granddaughter, Willow;*
36 *mother, Mary Ann; and sister, Debbie; and*

37 *Whereas, Judge Cates lived his life in the service of others*



1 *and devoted himself to the betterment of his community and the*
2 *state of Indiana: Therefore,*

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

6 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly honors and
7 remembers Judge David Cates for his many years of service in
8 his community.

9 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the Indiana House
10 of Representatives shall transmit a copy of the resolution to the
11 office of State Representative Craig Snow for distribution.

