





2016

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION recognizing Herb Higgins on the occasion of his retirement.

Whereas, Herb Higgins has provided a beacon of hope and a safe place for countless Hoosier children through the Safe Harbor After-School Enrichment Program in Michigan City and LaPorte and Porter counties;

Whereas, Herb Higgins began working with the Safe Harbor program in February 2001;

Whereas, During his time at Safe Harbor, the children have always been Herb's primary concern;

Whereas, The program has continued to provide tutoring and homework assistance and developmental and academic enrichment activities, with a special emphasis on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) education that supports regular school-day instruction;

Whereas, Under Herb's guidance, the number of children served by Safe Harbor has grown from 300 to 550;

Whereas, Early on, Safe Harbor provided programs that included dance, music, art, and languages, but the program now includes before-school programming, STEM, horticulture, community service, and robotics;

Whereas, At the age of 66, Herb feels that now is the right time to open the job up to someone new to try to reach more



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people using the newest technology;

Whereas, Well known throughout the state, Herb is known as the "dean of after-school" and the "grandfather of after-school" for his many accomplishments in the field;

Whereas, Herb helped to start the Indiana Afterschool Network and is currently on the board;

Whereas, Even before coming to the Safe Harbor program, Herb worked in youth prevention programs;

Whereas, Growing up in Chicago, Herb chose counseling as his life's work because he wanted to help people;

Whereas, Herb views his role as startup director of Interventions, a 175-bed facility in Chicago's Englewood neighborhood where he provided detoxification services for people with substance abuse problems, as one of the major accomplishments of his career;

Whereas, Herb graduated from Northeastern Illinois University with a degree in social services and later earned a master's degree in health science from Governors State University; and

Whereas, Through his work, Herb Higgins has made a difference in the lives of countless children: Therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly thanks Herb Higgins for his dedicated service to the children of northern Indiana and wishes him continued happiness and contentment in retirement.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Herb Higgins and his family.



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