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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No.

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION memorializing Mark St. John.

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_____, read first time and referred to Committee on

2016

Second Regular Session of the 119th General Assembly (2016)

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Whereas, Mark St. John, who passed away at the age of 62, dedicated more than 37 years of his life to serving the social/human service needs population;

Whereas, He advocated for abused and neglected children, at-risk youth, the LGBT community, homeless persons, families in distress, migrant and seasonal farm workers, persons with HIV/AIDS, people with mental illnesses, senior citizens, people with disabilities, social services providers, low income households, environmental groups, and labor unions;

Whereas, Although he dealt primarily with liberal causes, Mark St. John was widely respected on both sides of the aisle largely due to his gentle demeanor and ability to find common ground;

Whereas, Mark St. John was a friendly face in the hallways of the Statehouse, possessing a quick wit that could be both cutting and self-deprecating;

Whereas, Mark St. John was born in Martinsville to William and Dorothy St. John on November 18, 1952;

Whereas, Mark earned undergraduate and graduate degrees in public affairs from Indiana University's School of Public and Environmental Affairs;



Whereas, Before establishing his own governmental affairs consulting firm entitled St. John & Associates, Mark worked for the state of Indiana in a variety of capacities, including at the Family and Social Services Administration, and for a variety of organizations, including Gay Men's Health Crisis, the Indiana Coalition on Housing and Homeless Issues, and AIDServe Indiana;

Whereas, Mark St. John also was a principal at Lambda Consulting Inc. and joined the adjunct faculty at Indiana University's School of Social Work;

Whereas, Active in his community, Mark was involved with a number of community and professional organizations including the Boy Scouts, Children's Coalition of Indiana, Concerned Clergy of Indianapolis, Equality Federation/Equality Federation Institute, Governmental Affairs Society of Indiana, Indiana Affordable Housing Conference, Indiana Association for Community Economic Development, Indiana Civil Rights Commission Fair Housing Task Force, Indiana Coalition for Human Services, Indiana Stonewall Democrats, King Park Area Development Corporation, Mary Rigg Neighborhood Center, Mozel Sanders Foundation Thanksgiving Dinner, Greater Indianapolis NAACP Branch, Optimist Club of Indianapolis, Pathway to Recovery, PathStone, Inc., State of Indiana Electronic Benefits Transfer Commission, and the State of Indiana HUD Consolidated Plan Coordinating Committee; and

Whereas, Mark St. John won and held the respect and confidence of all who knew him, he served his profession and his community faithfully and well, and he will be missed: 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 mourns the passing of this great man and recognizes the many contributions to the needy of our state made by Mark St. John. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to his family.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of



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- Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the family of Mark St. John. 1 2