

**HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION recognizing Easter Seals Arc.

Ober

_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



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Whereas, In 1954, a dedicated group of Allen County parents formed the "Retarded Children's Society of Allen County" to promote the general welfare of the mentally retarded of Allen County and to develop and provide methods and means of education to the mentally retarded;

Whereas, In 1968, the agency's name changed from "Retarded Children's Society of Allen County" to the "Allen County Association for the Retarded, Inc.";

Whereas, In 1972, the first group home in the state of Indiana was built and used as a training home for adults preparing to live independently;

Whereas, In 1982, the agency's name changed from "Allen County Association for the Retarded, Inc." to "Association for Retarded Citizens of Allen County, Inc.";

Whereas, In 1989, the association started the first statewide self-advocacy organization;

Whereas, In 1994, the agency's name changed from "Association for Retarded Citizens of Allen County, Inc." to "The Arc of Northeast Indiana, Inc.";

Whereas, In 2000, The Arc of Northeast Indiana, Inc., affiliated with Easter Seals to become "Easter Seals Arc of Northeast Indiana", expanding not only its geographic



service area, but also extending service provisions to include people with any disability;

Whereas, Easter Seals Arc provides a wide variety of person-centered programs designed to include a wide variety of activities that enhance the participants' personal and social lives;

Whereas, Easter Seals Arc helps clients obtain and maintain community-based employment through career explorations, job readiness, soft skills training, job development, follow along services, and individual job coaching;

Whereas, Easter Seals Arc offers both "sheltered" and "competitive" work opportunities in a safe and structured environment while providing a valuable service to the business community and providing every client with direct care staff to help clients achieve their goals;

Whereas, Through Easter Seals Arc's Supported Living Services, people with disabilities can learn to actively participate in the community and live more independently;

Whereas, Easter Seals Arc, from its simple beginning of six students, has expanded its services to serve more than 1,000 children, adults, and families annually; and

Whereas, Easter Seals Arc has spent the past 60 years consistently creating opportunities for people with disabilities to live meaningful lives and looks forward to filling the next 60 years with even greater opportunities: 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 contributions of Easter Seals Arc in enabling people with disabilities
3 to live meaningful lives.

4 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
5 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Easter Seals Arc.

