

**HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION acknowledging the many
contributions of Cardinal Services.

Wolkins

_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



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Whereas, Before the 1950's, individuals with disabilities were shunned from society, either institutionalized or hidden at home;

Whereas, A group of families who came together in 1954 with a goal of providing an education for their children with disabilities began providing services in a family home;

Whereas, In 1963, the name Cardinal Center was chosen; Cardinal meaning "of primary importance";

Whereas, In 1964, Cardinal opened a sheltered workshop for adults with developmental disabilities, demonstrating that these adults had many talents to contribute to the business community and that they could play a valuable role in our workforce;

Whereas, In 1969, an educational wing was constructed with state and local funds;

Whereas, Cardinal was designated as a comprehensive mental health center, and early intervention classes for children with developmental delays began;

Whereas, In 1976, Cardinal launched job placement and vocational evaluation services for people with disabilities, enabling them to become contributing, valued employees in



businesses in northern Indiana;

Whereas, Cardinal has since expanded its array of services to meet the changing needs of our community, offering residential group home, community living residential, affordable housing, and day services to adults with disabilities and First Steps, Healthy Families, Head Start, and WIC services to children from birth to age five;

Whereas, From its simple beginning in a family home, Cardinal has expanded its services to serve approximately 4,000 children and adults and families annually from the Northern Indiana counties of Cass, Elkhart, Fulton, Kosciusko, and Marshall; and

Whereas, Cardinal has spent the past 60 years creating opportunities for people with disabilities and young children with challenges to live meaningful lives and looks forward to the next 60 years filled 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 many contributions made by Cardinal Services and thanks the agency
- 3 for its years of devotion to those in need of services.
- 4 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 5 Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to Cardinal
- 6 Services.

