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RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_**

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*Introduced by: Karickhoff, Friend*

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1           A HOUSE RESOLUTION honoring Gene Miles.

2           *Whereas, Gene Miles, President and Chief Executive Officer*  
3 *of First Farmers Bank and Trust Company, Converse, was*  
4 *awarded the Bruning Award by the American Bankers*  
5 *Association at the National Agricultural Bankers Conference*  
6 *on November 15, 2016;*

7           *Whereas, Gene Miles was selected for the Bruning Award,*  
8 *which reflects a lifetime of achievement, from a field of bankers*  
9 *nationwide recognizing his leadership and dedication to*  
10 *providing credit and financial guidance to farmers and*  
11 *businesses in rural America;*

12           *Whereas, Gene Miles earned a degree in industrial*  
13 *management from Purdue University and completed the*

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1 *prestigious Graduate School of Banking at the University of*  
2 *Wisconsin;*

3 *Whereas, In addition to his duties with First Farmers Bank*  
4 *and Trust Company, Gene Miles has served as a director of the*  
5 *Indiana Bankers Association Insurance Agency;*

6 *Whereas, Gene Miles has been an agricultural banker for 38*  
7 *years, serving as a commercial loan officer, compliance officer,*  
8 *investment officer, marketing officer, and accounting officer in*  
9 *First Farmers Bank and Trust Company;*

10 *Whereas, Gene Miles joined First Farmers Bank and Trust*  
11 *Company as a branch manager and rose through the ranks*  
12 *through hard work and a desire to learn;*

13 *Whereas, Under the guidance of Gene Miles, First Farmers*  
14 *Bank and Trust Company has grown through acquisitions and*  
15 *expanded into Illinois, resulting in abundant growth and*  
16 *meaningful employment for nearly 400 banking professionals*  
17 *in Indiana and its neighboring state;*

18 *Whereas, In addition to his work at the bank, Gene Miles*  
19 *holds several community leadership positions, serving as head*  
20 *of the finance committee and an executive board member of St.*  
21 *Vincent Hospital; president and board co-chair of the Miami*  
22 *County Community Foundation; treasurer, board member, and*  
23 *a member of the asset development and grants committees of*  
24 *the Northern Indiana Community Foundation; and as a*  
25 *director of the Miami County Economic Development*  
26 *Committee;*

27 *Whereas, Gene Miles has been an avid supporter of the*  
28 *Howard County Tennis Center, which promotes the sport*  
29 *through lessons, clinics, tournaments, and other activities;*

30 *Whereas, Gene Miles and his wife Cheryl have three*  
31 *children - Josh, Jessica, and Carley; and*

32 *Whereas, Gene Miles has nurtured and grown First Farmers*  
33 *Bank and Trust Company through vision, foresight, and*  
34 *old-fashioned values: Therefore,*



1                    *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the*  
2                    *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

3                    SECTION 1. That the members of the Indiana House of  
4                    Representatives congratulate Gene Miles on his selection as a Bruning  
5                    Award winner and thank him for his dedicated service to the citizens  
6                    of Indiana.

7                    SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
8                    Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Gene Miles and  
9                    his family.

