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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

Introduced by: Mahan

A HOUSE RESOLUTION recognizing Carey Services, Inc.

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

Whereas, A dedicated group of Grant County, Indiana, area parents and community leaders who wanted a quality educational experience and services for their children with disabilities organized in the early 1950s to form a school for their children, then named Pleasant Day School;

Whereas, In 1954, the group began providing services, primarily with volunteers, for children with developmental

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disabilities in Indiana;

Whereas, They became one of Indiana's first local chapters of NARC, now called The Arc;

Whereas, The Grant County Community Chest, now the United Way of Grant County, the YMCA, and the Central Labor Union were among the initial community groups to provide funding and in-kind support, which was essential in establishing a stable foundation for organizational growth;

Whereas, In the late 1960s, a similar group of parents and community leaders in Blackford County joined forces with those from Grant County;

Whereas, Carey Services has been a leader in Indiana by being among the first community not-for-profits to pilot the state's First Steps early intervention program, community living services, habilitation services for individuals with profound disabilities, and creative employment programs;

Whereas, Carey Services was the first provider of disability services in Indiana to acknowledge the need for a highly trained and fairly compensated direct care workforce by establishing the first standardized and certificate based workforce training program for Direct Support Professionals in conjunction with Ivy Tech Community College;

Whereas, Carey Services provides both competitive and sheltered employment services, which encourage individuals with disabilities to choose how and where they work, while delivering a valued service to local businesses;

Whereas, Through Carey Services Supported Living Services, people with disabilities can learn to actively participate in the community and live more independently;

Whereas, Carey Services has extended its organizational assets to benefit others in the community by providing Early Head Start for low income children and their families since 1999, as well as providing welfare-to-work employment services, transportation, affordable housing, and innovative



health services;

Whereas, By operating docu-SHIELD, a confidential document destruction service for businesses, professionals, and individuals, Carey Services is more financially self-sufficient while providing employment opportunities;

Whereas, Through its business partnership with Mitchell Marketing, Carey Services manufactures bird feeders that are sold nationally in large retail chains, such as Walmart;

Whereas, Annually, Carey Services supports more than 1,500 individuals and their families in five counties through its vast array of programs and services;

Whereas, More than 330 employees provide quality services on a daily basis while making a positive difference in the lives of those individuals and families;

Whereas, For the past 60 years, Carey Services has consistently created services and opportunities for persons with disabilities, low-income families, and others to live meaningful lives; and

Whereas, Carey Services dedicates itself to continuing to fulfill its mission "to create pathways toward self-sufficiency with personal satisfaction": Therefore,

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

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives thanks
2 Carey Services, Inc., for its dedicated service to the thousands of
3 people whose lives have been touched by its caring and dedicated
4 personnel.

5 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
6 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Carey Services,
7 Inc.

