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**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. 4**

DIGEST OF RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the Indiana Department of Transportation to rename the bridge over West 300 North on State Road 25 in Carroll County as the "George H. Mears Memorial Bridge".

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January 23, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Homeland Security and Transportation.
January 31, 2023, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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2 Department of Transportation to rename the bridge over West
3 300 North on State Road 25 in Carroll County as the "George
4 H. Mears Memorial Bridge".

5 *Whereas, George H. Mears was born in 1953 in Carroll*
6 *County, Indiana, as the first-born son to Keith Monroe Mears*
7 *and Rozella Kerlin Mears;*

8 *Whereas, Following graduation from Delphi Community*
9 *High School in 1971, George attended Purdue University,*
10 *where he was a member of the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity*
11 *and Founding Chairman of the Boilermaker National Tractor*
12 *Pull;*

13 *Whereas, George graduated from Purdue with a degree in*
14 *Agricultural Mechanization and worked as a test engineer at*
15 *the Allis Chalmers implementation factory in LaPorte and later*
16 *as a district salesman in northern Illinois;*

17 *Whereas, George later returned to Carroll County to raise*
18 *cattle, corn, soybeans, and wheat with his wife of 41 years,*
19 *Deb, and his three children on his Certified Organic farm, and*
20 *proudly served as a board member on the Midwest Organic*
21 *Farmers Cooperative;*

22 *Whereas, In addition to farming, George met the needs of*
23 *his local community through ventures including the sale of*
24 *natural farming products, selling canned beef through George's*
25 *Country Beef, running a custom spraying and lime-spreading*

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1 *business, as well as hauling and spreading driveway stones;*

2 *Whereas, George was a true public servant for the local*
3 *community, where he served as Carroll County Commissioner*
4 *from 2004 until 2008, and later on both the Wabash River*
5 *Heritage Corridor Commission and Carroll County Economic*
6 *Development Corporation; and*

7 *Whereas, George's lifelong dedication to family,*
8 *community, and preservation is greatly realized through his*
9 *efforts in the Hoosier state, from the Wabash Erie Canal to*
10 *Wilson's Bridge and the Hoosier Heartland, and through his*
11 *work on countless historical preservation projects that remain*
12 *active around the country: Therefore,*

13 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*
14 *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives*
15 *concurring:*

16 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly urges the
17 Indiana Department of Transportation to rename the bridge over
18 West 300 North on State Road 25 in Carroll County as the
19 "George H. Mears Memorial Bridge".

20 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is directed to
21 transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Commissioner of the
22 Indiana Department of Transportation.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Transportation, to which was referred Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said resolution DO PASS.

(Reference is to SC 4 as introduced.)

CRIDER, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0

