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3 *Whereas, Lawrence M. "Larry" Borst, Jr., was born on July*
4 *16, 1927, in Champaign County, Ohio, to the late Lawrence M.*
5 *and Mary Waldeck Borst;*

6 *Whereas, Borst married Eldoris J. Wood on March 20,*
7 *1948, in Columbus, Ohio, and together they had three children,*
8 *Elizabeth, Philip, and David Borst;*

9 *Whereas, Borst was a World War II Army veteran;*

10 *Whereas, Borst was a 1950 graduate of The Ohio State*
11 *University School of Veterinary Medicine and was the owner of*
12 *Shelby Street Animal Clinic, retiring in 1986;*

13 *Whereas, Borst served in the Indiana House of*
14 *Representatives and the Indiana Senate a total of 38 years,*
15 *received the 1987 National Legislator of the Year award, and*
16 *was recognized with many other honors and awards during his*
17 *public service life;*

18 *Whereas, Former state senator Larry Borst was one of the*
19 *most influential budget leaders in modern state history;*

20 *Whereas, For more than three decades, Borst was*



1 *chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the panel through*
2 *which the budget and all tax legislation has to pass;*

3 *Whereas, Both an understated and commanding presence,*
4 *Borst was nicknamed the "Silver Fox," a nod to his thick gray*
5 *hair and his crafty approach to legislation;*

6 *Whereas, His colleagues referred to him as the "titan of*
7 *Indiana politics," and they recall that Borst played a major role*
8 *in helping to transform Indianapolis into the great city that it*
9 *is today;*

10 *Whereas, Borst, who wrote a book recounting his career*
11 *called, "Gentlemen, It's Been My Pleasure," had a major role*
12 *in developing Uni-Gov, which largely merged Marion County*
13 *and Indianapolis government, and he crafted a number of tax-*
14 *restructuring programs, helped craft former Governor Bob*
15 *Orr's A+ education plan, helped determine the distribution of*
16 *tobacco settlement money for health programs, wrote the law*
17 *that brought pari-mutuel wagering for horse racing to Indiana,*
18 *and helped create the Hoosier Lottery;*

19 *Whereas, Borst studied legislation intently and knew the*
20 *details and intricacies of every bill that came before his*
21 *committee, often more so than the authors and proponents;*

22 *Whereas, According to veteran Statehouse journalists,*
23 *Borst was truly the Silver Fox because he could see the end*
24 *game of every session before it began, and he was a brilliant*
25 *politician who used that skill to serve his greater purpose - that*
26 *of a statesman;*

27 *Whereas, Those who knew him at the Statehouse recount*
28 *that he truly did things for Indiana's benefit, not just until the*
29 *next election, but for the next decade;*

30 *Whereas, Borst passed away on December 20, 2016, at age*
31 *89, and he is survived by his wife Eldoris, daughter Elizabeth*
32 *(Bill) Murphy, sons Philip (Jill) Borst, and David Borst,*
33 *grandchildren Adam (Amanda) Yates, Brandon Yates, Alex*



1 *Borst, Eric Borst, and brother John Borst;*

2 *Whereas, The passing of Larry Borst is a great loss to all*
3 *Hoosiers, to whom Borst dedicated so much of his life in public*
4 *service; and*

5 *Whereas, It is fitting that the Indiana General Assembly*
6 *honors and memorializes the life of Larry Borst, a Hoosier who*
7 *served the state of Indiana with honor and integrity during his*
8 *lifetime: Therefore,*

9 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*
10 *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

11 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate memorializes former
12 senator Larry Borst, and expresses its deep gratitude for his
13 many years of service to Hoosiers.

14 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
15 to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the family of Larry
16 Borst.

