

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Mayor Jim Brainard
for his twenty-seven years of service as mayor of Carmel, Indiana.

FORD J.D., BALDWIN

_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



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2 Brainard for his twenty-seven years of service as mayor of
3 Carmel, Indiana.

4 *Whereas, Mayor Jim Brainard was raised in Bristol,*
5 *Indiana, by Jack and Dortha Brainard;*

6 *Whereas, After earning a Bachelor of Arts degree from*
7 *Butler University, Mayor Brainard went on to receive a Juris*
8 *Doctor in Law from Ohio Northern University in 1982;*

9 *Whereas, Mayor Brainard was first elected mayor of*
10 *Carmel, Indiana in 1995;*

11 *Whereas, During his time in office, Mayor Brainard*
12 *oversaw Carmel's tremendous growth and prosperity, with a*
13 *population that increased from 25,000 to over 100,000 in the*
14 *last twenty-five years;*

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16 *Whereas, Mayor Brainard prioritized economic*
17 *development and initiated several special projects that*
18 *contributed to Carmel's rapid progression to a city consistently*
19 *ranked as one of the best places to live in the United States;*

20 *Whereas, Mayor Brainard transformed downtown Carmel*
21 *into a vibrant public space with the development of the City*
22 *Center, Midtown, and the Arts & Design District, which*
23 *includes world-class cultural and entertainment venues, such*
24 *as the Hotel Carmichael and the Center for the Performing Arts*



1 *consisting of the Palladium, a 1,600-seat concert hall, the*
2 *Tarkington, a 500-seat proscenium theater, and the 200-seat*
3 *Studio Theater;*

4 *Whereas, Mayor Brainard implemented numerous*
5 *environmental initiatives, most notably the construction of more*
6 *than 140 roundabouts that reduced vehicle emissions and*
7 *enhanced the safety of drivers and pedestrians, which led to*
8 *Carmel's first-place award in the Climate Protection Awards*
9 *from the U.S. Conference of Mayors;*

10 *Whereas, Mayor Brainard directed the expansion of*
11 *Carmel's greenspace with an increase of more than 800 acres*
12 *of parks and trails, including an extension of the Monon Trail*
13 *and development of Central Park, resulting in Carmel earning*
14 *recognition as the national runner-up for the Home Depot*
15 *Awards of Excellence in Community Trees;*

16 *Whereas, Mayor Brainard's leadership and ambitious*
17 *vision have promoted a beautiful city that facilitates community*
18 *engagement, attracting entrepreneurs and small businesses*
19 *while fostering a neighborly environment where Hoosiers are*
20 *proud to live and raise their families; and*

21 *Whereas, Mayor Brainard leaves his post as mayor of*
22 *Carmel, Indiana, after twenty-seven years with a legacy that*
23 *forever transformed a city into a spirited and welcoming home*
24 *and one that will continue to serve as a guiding example for*
25 *leaders of communities and cities across the state: Therefore,*

26 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*
27 *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives*
28 *concurring:*

29 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly honors
30 Mayor Jim Brainard for his twenty-seven years of service as
31 mayor of Carmel, Indiana.



1 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
2 to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Mayor Jim Brainard.

