

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION memorializing the life of Lester
J. "Les" Fox.

ZAKAS, NIEZGODSKI, MISHLER

_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION memorializing the life
2 of Lester J. "Les" Fox.

3 *Whereas, Lester J. "Les" Fox was born on August 8, 1924,*
4 *in Chilton, Wisconsin to John and Lillian (Bowe) Fox;*

5 *Whereas, Les served in the United States Navy during*
6 *World War II and, upon his return from the war, married the*
7 *love of his life, Viola Kurtz, on July 19, 1949;*

8 *Whereas, Les was an integral member of the South Bend*
9 *community, working for the Studebaker Corporation from 1944*
10 *to 1963 as a dedicated employee and eventual vice president of*
11 *Local #5 of the International Union of United Automobile*
12 *Workers;*

13 *Whereas, After his tenure at Studebaker Corporation, Les*
14 *became nationally involved in fighting for the rights of the*
15 *unemployed, the elderly, and the underserved by becoming the*
16 *director for Project ABLE in 1963, establishing the Regional*
17 *Office of Economic Opportunity in Atlanta, Georgia to*
18 *implement the Economic Opportunity Act under President*
19 *Lyndon Johnson, and then becoming the President and CEO of*
20 *REAL Services, Inc. in South Bend;*

21 *Whereas, During his time at REAL Services, Inc., Les*
22 *testified before Congress to urge passage of the Older*



1 *Americans Act;*

2 *Whereas, Under Les's leadership, REAL Services, Inc. was*
3 *designated as the Area Agency on Aging and served older*
4 *adults in five different Indiana counties;*

5 *Whereas, Les served on numerous Advisory Councils and*
6 *Boards throughout Indiana, including a role as Program*
7 *Consultant to the U.S. Department of Labor, U.S. Senate*
8 *Committee on Aging, and the National Council on Aging;*

9 *Whereas, Les received the Sagamore of the Wabash from*
10 *Governors Orr, Bayh, O'Bannon, Kernan, and Daniels and was*
11 *inducted into the South Bend Community Hall of Fame in 1996;*

12 *Whereas, Les retired as President and CEO of REAL*
13 *Services, Inc. at the age of 82 on March 1, 2007, to enjoy*
14 *friends and the game of golf; and*

15 *Whereas, Les passed away on October 11, 2016, at the age*
16 *of 92, leaving a legacy as a trailblazer and a highly respected*
17 *advocate for underserved populations in his community:*
18 *Therefore,*

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

21 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly memorializes the
22 life of Lester J. "Les" Fox.

23 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
24 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Rebecca Zaseck, current president
25 and CEO of REAL Services, Inc.

