

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION congratulating Emma Keys upon her retirement and thanking her for 32 years of exceptional service with the Indiana Senate.

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION congratulating Emma Keys
2 upon her retirement and thanking her for 32 years of
3 exceptional service with the Indiana Senate.

4 *Whereas, Emma Keys began her career with the Indiana*
5 *Senate as a full-time employee on Monday, December 1, 1986.*
6 *Her first assignment included working with Senator Carolyn*
7 *Mosby (Gary) and Senator William McCarty (Anderson);*

8 *Whereas, in 1988, Emma was promoted to Supervisor of*
9 *Legislative Assistants, where she was responsible for hiring*
10 *session employees and remained in that position until 1993;*

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12 *Whereas, In 1992, Emma was promoted to Executive*
13 *Assistant to the Minority Leader under Senate Minority Leader*
14 *Robert Hellman. She has worked for the next three Minority*
15 *Leaders; Senator Richard Young, Senator Vi Simpson, and*
16 *Senator Tim Lanane;*

17 *Whereas, Emma became Deputy Minority Secretary of the*
18 *Senate in 1993;*



1 *Whereas, Since becoming Assistant Secretary, Emma has*
2 *remained in her leadership position for 25 years;*

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4 *Whereas, Prior to her service with the Indiana Senate,*
5 *Emma worked in the office of U.S. Senator Birch Bayh from*
6 *1973 - 1980;*

7 *Whereas, Emma also served on staff with the Democratic*
8 *State Committee from 1981 - 1982 as well as in the Indiana*
9 *Auditor of State Otis Cox's office from 1982 - 1986;*

10 *Whereas, Emma is an active member of Christ Temple*
11 *Apostolic Faith Assembly where she delights in worshipping*
12 *and praising God;*

13 *Whereas, Emma is a devoted mother and grandmother and*
14 *enjoys spending time with her husband, Gerald, four children,*
15 *Gerald, Jr., Adrienne, Amy, and Erik, and 23 grandchildren;*

16 *Whereas, Emma also enjoys baking, gardening, and*
17 *occasionally traveling;*

18 *Whereas, Emma carries with her endless knowledge and*
19 *history from her time with the Indiana Senate and she is an*
20 *institution in the Democratic Caucus;*

21 *Whereas, Emma's friendly smile and love for her fellow*
22 *human is evident in her faith, work, and day-to-day life;*

23 *Whereas, The confidence with which staff and legislators*
24 *alike feel that they can share information with Emma is*
25 *unrivaled and demonstrates why she is so valued by everyone*
26 *that has been part of Indiana politics over the last 45 years;*
27 *and*

28 *Whereas, Emma will be missed immensely by the*
29 *Democratic Caucus and all those she has touched throughout*
30 *the years: Therefore,*



1 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
2 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

3 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate congratulates Emma Keys
4 upon her retirement from the Indiana Senate, thanks her for 45 years of
5 exceptional service to the State of Indiana, and wishes her well on all
6 of her future endeavors.

7 SECTION 2. That the Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
8 transmit a copy of this resolution to Emma Keys.

