

**SENATE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_**

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A SENATE RESOLUTION memorializing Senator Jack Sandlin.

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1       A SENATE RESOLUTION memorializing Senator Jack  
2 Sandlin.

3       *Whereas, Senator Jack Sandlin was born to Lewis and*  
4 *Betty Sandlin in Brightwood, Indiana, in November 1950;*

5       *Whereas, Upon graduation from Greenwood High School*  
6 *in 1969, Jack began his lifelong dedication to public service by*  
7 *joining the Indianapolis Police Department (IPD) and enlisting*  
8 *in the United States Army, serving in Vietnam and at the White*  
9 *Sands Missile Range in New Mexico as a canine trainer and*  
10 *military police officer;*

11       *Whereas, Following a two-year term on active duty,*  
12 *Senator Sandlin returned to Indiana, enlisted in the Indiana*  
13 *National Guard for an additional year, and resumed his career*  
14 *with the IPD;*

15       *Whereas, While at the IPD, Senator Sandlin served as a*  
16 *beat cop, sniper with the SWAT Team, undercover investigator*  
17 *in coordination with the United States Marshals Service, as*  
18 *investigator under the Marion County Prosecutor, and as the*  
19 *IPD Deputy Chief of Investigations before his retirement in*

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1 1993;

2 *Whereas, While serving his community, Senator Sandlin*  
3 *continued his education by obtaining an Associate's degree in*  
4 *Criminal Justice and Bachelor's degree in Business from the*  
5 *University of Indianapolis, a Master's degree in Business*  
6 *Administration from Indiana Wesleyan University, training in*  
7 *the Dignitary Protection Program run by the U.S. Secret*  
8 *Service, and receiving his certification as an arson*  
9 *investigator;*

10 *Whereas, Upon his retirement from the IPD, Senator*  
11 *Sandlin ran a private investigation practice, taught as an*  
12 *adjunct professor at Indiana University and Vincennes*  
13 *University, and served with the Southport Police Department*  
14 *and Johnson County Sheriff's Department;*

15 *Whereas, Outside of law enforcement and teaching*  
16 *opportunities, Senator Sandlin continued to serve his*  
17 *community as Perry Township Trustee from 1997 to 2006 and*  
18 *as Indianapolis City-County Councilman from 2010 to 2016;*

19 *Whereas, Senator Sandlin faithfully and honorably served*  
20 *the constituents of Senate District 36, encompassing portions*  
21 *of Marion and Johnson counties, from his election in 2016 until*  
22 *his passing;*

23 *Whereas, During his tenure in the Senate, Senator Sandlin*  
24 *served as a member of the Senate Committees on Corrections*  
25 *and Criminal Law, Environmental Affairs, Homeland Security*  
26 *and Transportation, Insurance and Financial Institutions,*  
27 *Public Policy, and Veterans Affairs and The Military;*

28 *Whereas, Senator Sandlin was a champion for law*  
29 *enforcement and public safety, having authored bills to improve*  
30 *training and increase resources available for police officers*  
31 *and surviving families of the fallen, establishing due process*  
32 *and personnel rights of police officers under investigation,*



1 *amending residency requirements of 911 operators,*  
 2 *establishing the Marion County crime reduction board,*  
 3 *creating a cause of action for civil fertility fraud, and*  
 4 *supporting proper use of the Second Amendment;*

5 *Whereas, Senator Sandlin also sought to improve the*  
 6 *opportunities and benefits for veterans and their families,*  
 7 *including supporting free state park admission for veterans and*  
 8 *passing legislation to develop and require implementation of*  
 9 *purple star designations among postsecondary educational*  
 10 *institutions to provide veterans and military-connected families*  
 11 *with enhanced support for pursuing and finishing degrees and*  
 12 *credentials;*

13 *Whereas, Senator Sandlin is survived by his wife of 49*  
 14 *years, Lydia Sandlin, his daughter, Carrie, and his*  
 15 *grandchildren, A.J., Dean, and Elise; and*

16 *Whereas, Senator Sandlin's passionate advocacy for men*  
 17 *and women in uniform, drive to improve the lives of Hoosiers,*  
 18 *and unwavering integrity will be deeply missed within the*  
 19 *Indiana Senate and throughout the Statehouse: Therefore,*

20 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*  
 21 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

22 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate memorializes Senator  
 23 Jack Sandlin.

24 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed  
 25 to transmit copies of this Resolution to Lydia Sandlin, Carrie  
 26 Coulter, A.J. Coulter, Dean Coulter, and Elise Coulter.

