

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

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A SENATE RESOLUTION memorializing the Honorable
Julian L. Ridlen.

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SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION memorializing the Honorable
2 Julian L. Ridlen.

3 *Whereas, Julian L. Ridlen was born on February 4, 1940*
4 *in Decatur, Illinois, the son of Charles Fred and Doris Franklin*
5 *Ridlen;*

6 *Whereas, Judge Ridlen graduated from MacArthur High*
7 *School in 1958, received a Bachelors of Arts in history from*
8 *Anderson University, and obtained a Juris Doctorate from the*
9 *George Washington University Law School;*

10 *Whereas, Judge Ridlen was elected City Court Judge in*
11 *1971 and 1975, followed by State Treasurer in 1978 and 1982,*
12 *where Judge Ridlen negotiated Indiana's loan to the Chrysler*
13 *Corporation, created the Indiana Bond Bank, and chaired the*
14 *Indiana Bond Bank and the Indiana Housing Finance*
15 *Authority;*

16 *Whereas, After completing two terms as State Treasurer,*
17 *Judge Ridlen was elected to two terms as Cass Circuit Court*
18 *Judge followed by ten years of service as the Senior Judge,*
19 *where he developed programs to engage youth in activities in*

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1 *academic and career-advancing pursuits;*

2 *Whereas, Judge Ridlen taught Indiana History at Indiana*
3 *University Kokomo, Anderson University, the University of*
4 *Indianapolis, and IUPUI;*

5 *Whereas, Judge Ridlen wrote contributions for the*
6 *Encyclopedia of Indianapolis and the 2010 publication of*
7 *"Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court", authored two articles*
8 *about the life and influence of President Benjamin Harrison,*
9 *and contributed to three Cass County histories;*

10 *Whereas, Judge Ridlen served as the President of the Cass*
11 *County Historical Society, local Red Cross Board, and Youth*
12 *Service Bureau, Chairman of the U.S. Bicentennial Committee,*
13 *Vice President of the United Fund, Elder and Sunday School*
14 *teacher at Calvary Presbyterian Church, and member of the*
15 *Kiwanis Club, Mental Health Association, Salvation Army, and*
16 *Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site Board;*

17 *Whereas, In his lifetime, Judge Ridlen received numerous*
18 *local and state awards including the prestigious Sagamore of*
19 *the Wabash from both Governor Bowen and Governor Orr; and*

20 *Whereas, Judge Ridlen is survived by his wife of fifty-four*
21 *years, Susanne Smith, sisters Roberta Weber and Betty Davis,*
22 *brothers Charles Ridlen and Edward Ridlen, nieces, and*
23 *nephews: Therefore,*

24 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
25 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

26 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate memorializes the
27 distinguished life and legacy of the Honorable Julian L. Ridlen and
28 passes along condolences to his wife, Susanne Smith.

29 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
30 transmit copies of this Resolution to the family of the Honorable Julian
31 L. Ridlen.

