SENATE RESOLUTION No.

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring State Senator Earline Rogers for over three decades of service to the citizens of Northwest Indiana and throughout the State.

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SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring State Senator Earline
 Rogers for over three decades of service to the citizens of
 Northwest Indiana and throughout the State.

Whereas, Senator Earline Rogers has served in the Indiana
Senate since 1990, having spent the previous eight years in the
Indiana House of Representatives;

Whereas, Senator Rogers is a 38-year veteran of the Gary
Public School system, spending much of her career advocating
for greater educational opportunities for Indiana's children;

Whereas, Senator Rogers served two years on the Gary
Common Council and was the first woman elected president
during that time. Senator Rogers was the first AfricanAmerican to serve as vice chair of the Indiana State Democratic
Party and the first African-American to serve as Assistant
Minority Leader of the Senate Democratic Caucus;

Whereas, During her tenure at the statehouse, Senator
Rogers' most notable accomplishments include her push to
create a pathway to allow casino gaming in Indiana, her efforts
to move riverboat casinos inland, opening harbor space,



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encouraging interstate competition and generating additional 1 2 *jobs;* Whereas, Senator Rogers authored legislation raising the 3 4 age for execution in the State of Indiana, gaining her *worldwide attention;* 5 Whereas, Senator Rogers has been a key voice for children, 6 7 authoring Heather's Law, which develops models for schools to educate their students on dating violence, Jo Jo's law, school 8 bus safety legislation that provides safe transport to students, 9 and the state's first bi-literacy program. She was instrumental 10 in strengthening provisions to ensure prospective teachers 11 12 receive adequate training; Whereas, Senator Rogers graduated with honors from 13 Roosevelt High School in Gary, Indiana, earned a B.A. and 14 Master's from Indiana University; and 15 Whereas, Senator Rogers has been married to Louis 16 (Chuck) Rogers for 60 years, has two grown children: Keith 17 and Dara, and six grandchildren: Therefore, 18 Be it resolved by the Senate of the 19 General Assembly of the State of Indiana: 20 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate recognizes and honors 21 Senator Earline Rogers for her dedicated service and many 22 contributions to the State of Indiana. 23

24 SECTION 2. The Secretary of Senate is hereby directed to 25 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Senator Earline Rogers.



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