

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

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A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring John Gerni on the occasion of his retirement and recognizing his career accomplishments.

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SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring John Gerni on the
2 occasion of his retirement and recognizing his career
3 accomplishments.

4 *Whereas, John Gerni received his Bachelor of Arts degree*
5 *from Indiana University, where he majored in*
6 *Telecommunications and minored in Business/Economics and*
7 *Uralic Studies. He financed his education while working*
8 *various jobs;*

9 *Whereas, From 1985 until 1987, Mr. Gerni served as a*
10 *Field Representative to United States Senator Dan Quayle,*
11 *during which time he coordinated an Education Summit*
12 *targeted to gifted and talented students from each high school*
13 *in Indiana, in conjunction with the Hudson Institute;*

14 *Whereas, In December 1986, Mr. Gerni was promoted to*
15 *serve as the Regional Director for Northeast Indiana for United*
16 *States Senators Quayle and Lugar;*

17 *Whereas, From 1987 until 1990, Mr. Gerni served as the*
18 *Vice President of Governmental and Community Affairs on the*
19 *Fort Wayne Chamber of Commerce, during which time he*



1 *adamantly pushed for the funding of capital projects for*
2 *Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne and*
3 *staffed a community-wide taskforce that recommended funding*
4 *options for Fort Wayne's airport;*

5 *Whereas, From 1990 until 2003, Mr. Gerni served as the*
6 *2nd Vice President of Legislative and Regulatory management*
7 *for Lincoln National Corporation in Fort Wayne, Indiana,*
8 *where he was instrumental in planning for the enactment of*
9 *changes in Indiana's investment law for life insurers, the*
10 *reduction of the premium rate for domestic insurers, and*
11 *working with regulators to promulgate appropriate regulations.*
12 *He also served as Chairman of both the Political Action*
13 *Committee and the Legislative Committee for the Association*
14 *of Indiana Life Insurance Companies;*

15 *Whereas, Mr. Gerni admirably served on the American*
16 *Council of Life Insurers and in the life insurance industry for*
17 *27 years, with consummate diplomacy in numerous states*
18 *including Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin, where he*
19 *advocated with distinction and achieved numerous successes;*

20 *Whereas, Mr. Gerni represented the industry before a*
21 *number of organizations, including the National Conference of*
22 *Insurance Legislators. He defended life insurers and helped to*
23 *shape a number of industry critical models such as the Life*
24 *Settlements Model Act and the Unclaimed Life Insurance*
25 *Benefits Act;*

26 *Whereas, Mr. Gerni enjoyed the deep respect and*
27 *admiration of colleagues and policymakers both at the*
28 *American Council of Life Insurers and across the industry; and*

29 *Whereas, It is fitting that the Indiana Senate honors John*
30 *Gerni on the occasion of his retirement, recognizes his career*
31 *accomplishments, and wishes him health and happiness in the*
32 *years to come: Therefore,*



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

SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate honors John Gerni on the occasion of his retirement, recognizes his career accomplishments, and wishes him health and happiness in the years to come.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to John and Karen Gerni.

