

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION memorializing Dr. John Pittman as a veteran of the U.S. Army Medical Corps, a pioneering cardiovascular surgeon, and a loving and devoted husband and father.

SCHNEIDER

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION memorializing Dr. John
2 Pittman as a veteran of the U.S. Army Medical Corps, a
3 pioneering cardiovascular surgeon, and a loving and devoted
4 husband and father.

5 *Whereas, John Pittman was born on February 4, 1933, in*
6 *Princeton, Indiana, to his parents the late Leonard Elmore and*
7 *L. Audrey Dorsett Pittman;*

8 *Whereas, John graduated from the Indiana University*
9 *School of Medicine in 1957, serving as Class President;*

10 *Whereas, As a Captain in the United States Army Medical*
11 *Corps, John was stationed at Tripler General Hospital in*
12 *Honolulu, Hawaii, from 1957 to 1958;*

13 *Whereas, John trained in General Surgery Residency at*
14 *Methodist Hospital from 1960 to 1963, followed by his Thoracic*
15 *and Cardiovascular Surgery Residency at the University of*
16 *Michigan from 1963 to 1965;*



1 *Whereas, John was a Co-Founder and Cardiovascular*
2 *Surgeon of Cardiovascular Surgical Services founded in 1965*
3 *at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis;*

4 *Whereas, John met the love of his life, Euna Rose Williams,*
5 *during his residency at Methodist Hospital and they were*
6 *married in 1957;*

7 *Whereas, Married for 53 years until Euna passed away in*
8 *2010, John loved, honored, and cared for her until the end;*

9 *Whereas, John is survived by their five children: John*
10 *Scott Pittman, Mark Anthony Pitman, Steve Alan Pittman, Anne*
11 *Marie Kelton, and Chad Andrew Pitman; their 20*
12 *grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren; and John's brother*
13 *James Lenard Pitman;*

14 *Whereas, Together, Dr. Harry Siderys and John pioneered*
15 *the development of new cardiovascular surgical techniques in*
16 *the State of Indiana;*

17 *Whereas, John dedicated his career to the highest quality*
18 *of patient care, resident education, and innovation in the*
19 *rapidly developing field of Cardiovascular Surgery;*

20 *Whereas, John was a member of the team that performed*
21 *the first open heart procedure in 1965 at Methodist Hospital,*
22 *which rapidly evolved into one of the busiest programs in the*
23 *country by 1971;*

24 *Whereas, After developing a new sternal retractor system*
25 *for use in coronary artery bypass graft surgery and later*
26 *becoming part of the first group in the state to perform heart*
27 *transplantation in 1982, John retired in 1999;*

28 *Whereas, John received several awards for his*
29 *distinguished career including the J.O. Ritchey Society and*
30 *Sagamore of the Wabash Awards;*



1 *Whereas, His commitments to medicine and to his*
2 *community are numerous with appointments at both Methodist*
3 *Hospital and the Indiana University School of Medicine;*

4 *Whereas, John and Euna were also committed to furthering*
5 *higher education through the establishment of multiple*
6 *scholarship funds;*

7 *Whereas, John passed away on Christmas Day, 2014,*
8 *surrounded by his loving family; and*

9 *Whereas, It is fitting that the Indiana Senate gives special*
10 *recognition to the invaluable contributions made by Dr. John*
11 *Pitman to the State of Indiana: Therefore,*

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

14 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate memorializes Dr. John
15 Pittman and his exceptional service to the U.S. Army, the medical
16 community, and the State of Indiana.

17 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
18 transmit copies of this Resolution to Dr. Pitman's children: John Scott
19 Pittman, Mark Anthony Pittman, Steve Alan Pittman, Anne Marie
20 Kelton, and Chad Andrew Pittman.

