

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION memorializing Marvin Leroy
Keyes.

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SENATE RESOLUTION _____

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION memorializing Marvin Leroy
2 Keyes.

3 *Whereas, Marvin Leroy Keyes passed away on April 15,*
4 *2021, at his home in West Lafayette, surrounded by his wife and*
5 *children;*

6 *Whereas, Leroy was born on February 18, 1947, in*
7 *Newport News, Virginia;*

8 *Whereas, Leroy played college football at Purdue*
9 *University, where he was the only two-time consensus All-*
10 *American running back, a two-time Heisman Trophy finalist,*
11 *and one of the greatest football players in Purdue history;*

12 *Whereas, Leroy was the Philadelphia Eagles' first-round*
13 *draft pick, third overall, in the 1969 National Football League*
14 *("NFL") Draft, where he played from 1969 to 1972, and then*
15 *for the Kansas City Chiefs in 1973;*

16 *Whereas, Leroy was not only an all-star football player, but*
17 *a staunch community activist, and during his time at Purdue*
18 *and throughout his career, Leroy remained an advocate for*

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1 *civil rights and a voice for change;*

2 *Whereas, After his retirement from the NFL, Leroy served*
 3 *as a desegregation specialist for the School District of*
 4 *Philadelphia for sixteen years, and then rejoined the Purdue*
 5 *family in 1995 as a running back coach under Jim Colletto*
 6 *until 1996, an administrative assistant under Jim Tiller from*
 7 *1997 until 1999, and then as a member of the John Purdue*
 8 *Club staff until his retirement in 2011;*

9 *Whereas, Leroy is survived by his wife, Monica, and his*
 10 *four children, Colin, Raymond, Jacqueline, and Courtland;*

11 *Whereas, Leroy never knew a stranger, and will be*
 12 *remembered for his iconic football career, his compassion, and*
 13 *his love of Purdue; and*

14 *Whereas, In recognition of Leroy's contributions to Purdue*
 15 *University and the State of Indiana, it would be fitting for the*
 16 *Indiana General Assembly, during the Second Regular Session*
 17 *of the One Hundred Twenty-Second General Assembly, to urge*
 18 *the Indiana Department of Transportation to designate a*
 19 *portion of State Road 231 in Tippecanoe County in his honor:*
 20 *Therefore,*

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

23 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate memorializes Marvin
 24 Leroy Keyes.

25 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
 26 to transmit copies of this Resolution to the family of Marvin
 27 Leroy Keyes.

