

**SENATE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_**

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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION memorializing Beth Van Vorst  
(Greene) Gray.

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**BECKER, RUCKELSHAUS**

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## SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1       A SENATE RESOLUTION memorializing Beth Van Vorst  
2       (Greene) Gray.

3       *Whereas, Beth Van Vorst (Greene) Gray passed away on*  
4       *February 24, 2020, in Bloomington, Indiana;*

5       *Whereas, Beth was born in Harvey, Illinois, on January 16,*  
6       *1934, and moved to Indiana before graduating from Central*  
7       *High School in Evansville as valedictorian of the Class of*  
8       *1952;*

9       *Whereas, Beth married Harvey Greene in 1956, and*  
10      *together they had four children;*

11      *Whereas, Beth's political activism first began as a staff*  
12      *member of the William Ruckelshaus U.S. Senate campaign in*  
13      *1968;*

14      *Whereas, In 1969, Beth joined the Indiana Senate as*  
15      *journal clerk, and in 1970 was elected as Principal Secretary*  
16      *of the Senate, a position she held until 1976;*

17      *Whereas, During her time as Principal Secretary of the*

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1       *Senate, Beth oversaw the colonial-style remodeling of the*  
2       *Senate Chamber in 1974;*

3       *Whereas, After leaving the Senate, Beth helped create The*  
4       *Legal Registry, a placement service for attorneys, founded her*  
5       *own business, Action Writing, to help young jobseekers improve*  
6       *their resumes and job applications, and later became the*  
7       *administrative assistant to the head librarian at IUPUI;*

8       *Whereas, Beth met her future husband, Professor Ralph D.*  
9       *Gray, on her first day at IUPUI, and they married in Florida in*  
10      *2003;*

11      *Whereas, Beth and Ralph retired to Bloomington in 2009,*  
12      *where Beth continued to author books and became a self-taught*  
13      *artist painting in oils and acrylics; and*

14      *Whereas, Beth is survived by her husband, Ralph, her four*  
15      *children, Betsy, Christopher, Jeffrey, and Jennifer, her three*  
16      *step-children, Karen, David, and Sarah, two brothers, James*  
17      *and Charles, and thirteen 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 memorializes Beth  
21      Van Vorst (Greene) Gray.

22      SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed  
23      to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the family of Beth Van  
24      Vorst (Greene) Gray.

