

**SENATE CONCURRENT
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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION memorializing Thomas E.
2 Fruechtenicht and honoring him for his many years of public service to
3 the State of Indiana.

4 *Whereas, Thomas E. Fruechtenicht, a lifelong Hoosier,*
5 *dedicated his life to public service here in Indiana;*

6 *Whereas, On April 10, 2015, Tom passed away at the age*
7 *of 75 after a courageous battle with cancer;*

8 *Whereas, Born in Fort Wayne, Indiana, on April 8, 1940,*
9 *Tom attended South Side High School where he lettered in*
10 *track, excelled at football, and was a distinguished member of*
11 *the National Honor Society;*

12 *Whereas, Following high school, Tom enrolled at Indiana*
13 *University Bloomington where he obtained a bachelor's degree*
14 *in Business Administration in 1962;*

15 *Whereas, While at Indiana University, Tom was an officer*
16 *in the Sigma Nu fraternity, an active member of the*
17 *professional business fraternity Alpha Kappa Psi, and rode*
18 *twice in the Little 500 bike race;*

19
20 *Whereas, In 1965, Tom graduated from the Indiana*
21 *University School of Law with his juris doctor;*



1 *Whereas, Tom began practicing law in Fort Wayne and was*
2 *named Justice of the Peace for Wayne Township, Allen County,*
3 *where he served for four years, and was subsequently*
4 *appointed to the Allen County prosecutor's association where*
5 *he served in the juvenile and felony divisions for two years;*

6 *Whereas, In 1972, Tom was elected to the Indiana State*
7 *House of Representatives and was re-elected for four*
8 *consecutive terms;*

9 *Whereas, As an Indiana State Representative, Tom was*
10 *elected House Minority Caucus Chairman, served as Chairman*
11 *of the House Public Policy Committee, and was a member of*
12 *both the Courts & Criminal Code and Judiciary committees;*

13 *Whereas, Tom was admired on both sides of the aisle for*
14 *his honesty, integrity, and ability to get things done;*

15 *Whereas, After serving 10 years as a State Representative,*
16 *in 1983 Tom formed a new law firm with former State Senator*
17 *William Soards and John Barnett, Jr., and began working in*
18 *government relations as a registered lobbyist;*

19 *Whereas, During this time, Tom represented numerous*
20 *clients before the Indiana General Assembly and various*
21 *administrative agencies, including large corporations, small*
22 *privately owned companies, and non-profit associations;*

23 *Whereas, In 2004, Tom joined Bose Public Affairs Group*
24 *as Senior Vice President and in-house counsel specializing in*
25 *legislative affairs, retiring in 2011;*

26 *Whereas, Tom was a member of the Indiana State Bar*
27 *Association where he served as Chairman of the Young*
28 *Lawyer's section and as a member of the Board of Managers;*



1 *Whereas, Tom was also a member of the Indianapolis and*
2 *American Bar Associations, a Master Fellow of the Indiana Bar*
3 *Foundation, and a member of the Governmental Affairs Society*
4 *of Indiana, Indiana Athletic Club, Columbia Club, Indiana*
5 *Historical Society, and the Indianapolis Museum of Art;*

6 *Whereas, Governor Evan Bayh awarded Tom the Sagamore*
7 *of the Wabash, the highest civilian honor offered by the*
8 *Governor of Indiana;*

9 *Whereas, Tom was always a steadfast and loyal friend who*
10 *cared deeply for people and went out of his way to lend a*
11 *helping hand, seeking nothing in return;*

12 *Whereas, Tom is survived by his wife of 33 years, Jane*
13 *Fruechtenicht; his daughter Beth and son Robert; step-children*
14 *Stewart, Brian, Scot, Matthew, Gregg, Shondell, and AJ; and*
15 *his grandchildren Caitlin, Stewart, Kaitlin, K.C., Maddie,*
16 *Katie, Caroline, Chandler, Regina, Mary Grace, Samantha,*
17 *Meredith, Elizabeth, Brigitte, Cole, and Olivia; and his nieces*
18 *and nephews, all of whom he loved dearly;*

19 *Whereas, Tom is predeceased by his parents Walter and*
20 *Clara Fruechtenicht, and his sister Carole Meikle; and*

21 *Whereas, It is fitting that the Indiana General Assembly*
22 *gives special recognition to Tom's lifelong commitment and*
23 *substantial contributions to the State of Indiana: Therefore,*

24 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*
25 *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

26 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly memorializes
27 Thomas E. Fruechtenicht and honors him for his many years of public
28 service to the State of Indiana.

29 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
30 transmit copies of this Resolution to Jane Fruechtenicht; Robert
31 Fruechtenicht; Beth Aney; Stew, Brian, Scot, Matthew, Gregg, and AJ
32 Brase; and Shondell Patterson.

