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2 anniversary of The Arc of Indiana and honoring its enduring
3 leadership and advocacy for Hoosiers with intellectual and
4 developmental disabilities.

5 *Whereas, The Arc of Indiana was founded in 1956 by families*
6 *determined to secure dignity, opportunity, and inclusion for*
7 *individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities*
8 *(IDD) at a time when few supports or services were available;*

9 *Whereas, Over seven decades, The Arc of Indiana has helped*
10 *transform Indiana's system of supports, including advocacy that*
11 *led to the closure of state institutions and the expansion of*
12 *home and community-based services that allow individuals with*
13 *IDD to live, learn, work, and thrive in their communities;*

14 *Whereas, The Arc of Indiana has served as the state's leading*
15 *voice for individuals with IDD and their families, advancing*
16 *public policy, early intervention, inclusive education, and the*
17 *protection of civil and human rights;*

18 *Whereas, The Arc of Indiana has promoted independence and*
19 *economic opportunity through strong advocacy for competitive,*
20 *integrated employment and by creating innovative workforce*
21 *and transition initiatives;*

22 *Whereas, The Arc of Indiana has strengthened families and*
23 *communities through statewide programs, local chapter*
24 *partnerships, and a long-standing commitment to*
25 *self-advocacy;*



1 *Whereas, The Arc of Indiana has developed nationally*
 2 *recognized initiatives that support individuals with IDD and*
 3 *their families in planning for the future and achieving greater*
 4 *independence, including The Arc Master Trust, which provides*
 5 *a reliable vehicle for long-term financial planning, and Erskine*
 6 *Green Training Institute, which offers hands-on vocational*
 7 *training that leads to meaningful, competitive employment;*

8 *Whereas, Through collaboration with state leaders, its*
 9 *chapters throughout Indiana, service providers, educators,*
 10 *employers, self-advocates, and families, The Arc of Indiana has*
 11 *improved the quality of life and expanded opportunities for all*
 12 *Hoosiers; and*

13 *Whereas, The 70th anniversary of The Arc of Indiana offers*
 14 *an occasion to honor its legacy of service, celebrate its impact,*
 15 *and reaffirm Indiana's commitment to inclusion, equity, and*
 16 *respect for all: Therefore,*

17 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives*
 18 *of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,*
 19 *the Senate concurring:*

20 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly
 21 congratulates The Arc of Indiana on its 70th anniversary and
 22 commends the organization for its steadfast leadership,
 23 innovation, and advocacy on behalf of individuals with
 24 intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

25 SECTION 2. That the Indiana General Assembly expresses
 26 its sincere appreciation to The Arc of Indiana's members,
 27 volunteers, staff, board leaders, chapters, self-advocates, and
 28 families for their lasting contributions to communities across
 29 the state.

30 SECTION 3. That the Indiana General Assembly encourages
 31 all Hoosiers to recognize and support the mission of The Arc of
 32 Indiana and to continue working together to build a more
 33 inclusive and accessible Indiana for all.

34 SECTION 4. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
 35 Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to State
 36 Representative Edward D. Clere for distribution to The Arc of
 37 Indiana.

