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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

Introduced by: Lehman

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION honoring Representative
2 Edward D. Clere.

3 *Whereas, Representative Edward D. Clere, who was first*
4 *elected to represent the people of House District 72 in 2008,*
5 *will conclude his legislative service at the end of his current*
6 *term;*

7 *Whereas, Representative Clere has served nine consecutive*
8 *terms in the Indiana House of Representatives. During this*
9 *time, he has served honorably on several standing committees,*
10 *including the Education Committee; the Small Business and*
11 *Economic Development Committee; the Ways and Means*
12 *Committee, of which he has chaired the Health and Medicaid*
13 *Subcommittee since 2020; the Public Policy Committee; the*
14 *Public Health Committee, which he chaired from 2012 to 2015;*
15 *the Judiciary Committee; and the Financial Institutions*

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1 *Committee;*

2 *Whereas, During his time in office, Representative Clere has*
3 *focused on health and human services, education, and fiscal*
4 *policy. He was a leading advocate for Medicaid expansion*
5 *under the Affordable Care Act, and he is a recognized expert on*
6 *Medicaid.*

7 *Whereas, Representative Clere has been a fierce champion*
8 *for vulnerable and marginalized Hoosiers, including children,*
9 *seniors, people with disabilities, the economically*
10 *disadvantaged, LGBTQ+ people, and other minorities;*

11 *Whereas, Representative Clere has been an outspoken and*
12 *tireless champion of harm reduction. In response to the 2015*
13 *HIV outbreak in Scott County, while chairman of the House*
14 *Public Health Committee, he authored the legislation that*
15 *allowed communities to provide syringe service programs,*
16 *which reduce the spread of infection and connect people to*
17 *recovery and other resources, and these programs have saved*
18 *and improved countless lives and made communities*
19 *throughout Indiana safer and stronger;*

20 *Whereas, Throughout his tenure, Representative Clere has*
21 *worked to increase legislative engagement and make the*
22 *legislature more understandable and accessible to his*
23 *constituents and other Hoosiers. Since 2014, Representative*
24 *Clere has worked with Dr. Sharron Crowder of the Indiana*
25 *University School of Nursing to offer a legislative fellowship*
26 *for graduate nursing students, increasing the voice of the*
27 *nursing profession in the legislative process;*

28 *Whereas, In 2019, Representative Clere authored legislation*
29 *that made Indiana part of the Nurse Licensure Compact,*
30 *allowing nurses to be licensed in their home state and to*
31 *practice in other compact member states without obtaining a*
32 *separate license. The compact has benefited employers, nurses,*
33 *and patients throughout Indiana, including in Southern*
34 *Indiana, where it has supported regionalism, a goal*
35 *Representative Clere has promoted throughout his time in*
36 *office;*



1 *Whereas, As part of his efforts to support small and*
2 *independent businesses, Representative Clere has worked*
3 *extensively on legislation to support and promote the craft*
4 *alcohol industry, including farm wineries and breweries. He*
5 *authored the 2013 legislation that created the artisan distiller's*
6 *permit, giving rise to a major new Hoosier industry;*

7 *Whereas, Representative Clere has received more than three*
8 *dozen awards for his legislative service and accomplishments;*

9 *Whereas, Representative Clere serves on a number of state*
10 *and local bodies, including the board of Indiana's CHOICE*
11 *Program, which helps seniors and people with disabilities live*
12 *independently; the board of the Indiana School for the Deaf;*
13 *the state's Medicaid Advisory Committee; and the coordinating*
14 *council for First Steps, Indiana's early-intervention program*
15 *for infants and toddlers with developmental delays;*

16 *Whereas, Representative Clere also serves on the boards of*
17 *the Indiana Minority Health Coalition and the Cardinal Ritter*
18 *Birthplace Foundation. He is a member of the advisory council*
19 *of his area agency on aging, LifeSpan Resources, and he*
20 *co-chairs the Indiana Skills2Compete Coalition;*

21 *Whereas, Representative Clere has been active in*
22 *nonpartisan state government organizations, including the*
23 *Council of State Governments (CSG). He is a former co-chair*
24 *of CSG's Health Public Policy Committee. He is a 2010*
25 *graduate of CSG Midwest's Bowhay Institute for Legislative*
26 *Leadership Development and a former co-chair of the*
27 *institute's steering committee, on which he continues to serve.*
28 *He is the second vice chair of the CSG Midwestern Legislative*
29 *Conference and a longtime member of its executive committee;*

30 *Whereas, Representative Clere earned a bachelor's degree*
31 *in sociology from Indiana University Southeast and is a*
32 *graduate of Leadership Southern Indiana;*

33 *Whereas, Representative Clere has worked as a Realtor*
34 *since 2001 and is very involved in historic preservation. He is*
35 *a former member of the board of Indiana's statewide historic*
36 *preservation organization, Indiana Landmarks, and he has*



1 *served on the organization's Real Estate Committee for more*
2 *than 20 years. As a Realtor, he has earned the GRI, CRS, and*
3 *ABR designations and has served on the board of the Southern*
4 *Indiana Realtors Association; and*

5 *Whereas, Representative Clere has enjoyed the unwavering*
6 *support of his wife, Amy, without whom his service would not*
7 *have been possible, and their five children, Alan, Lauren,*
8 *Megan, Madeline, and Hannah: Therefore,*

9 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the*
10 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

11 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives
12 honors Representative Edward D. Clere upon his retirement.

13 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
14 Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to
15 Representative Edward D. Clere.

