

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION memorializing Perry Township
Trustee Daniel Combs.

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_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION memorializing Perry
2 Township Trustee Daniel Combs.

3 *Whereas, Daniel (Dan) Combs passed away on January 6,*
4 *2026, at the age of 73;*

5 *Whereas, Dan Combs was born on November 26, 1952, in*
6 *Bloomington, Indiana, where he spent most of his life serving*
7 *as the trustee for Perry Township from 1986 till 2026;*

8 *Whereas, Dan was a writer and educator. He authored a*
9 *weekly column for The Herald-Times, sharing observations on*
10 *life, community, and parenthood with humor and candor. He*
11 *later returned to Indiana University, earning a degree in*
12 *Continuing Studies in 1994, a Bachelor of Science in Social*
13 *Studies Education in 1997, and, finally, a Master of Arts in*
14 *Teaching;*

15 *Whereas, Dan served in the United States Army, where he*
16 *trained as a medic. He also taught political science at*
17 *Bloomington High School South and spent a year teaching at*
18 *Wabash Valley Correctional Center;*

19 *Whereas, Dan was named Trustee of the Year by the*
20 *Indiana Township Association in 2015 for his commitment to*
21 *public service and he supported multiple community*
22 *organizations in and around Bloomington;*



1 *Whereas, Dan Combs and Perry Township staff assisted the*
 2 *victims of the near-killer tornado that tore through southern*
 3 *Monroe County on Friday, May 16, 2025;*

4 *Whereas, The EF2 tornado left a five-mile track of human*
 5 *and property devastation through southern Monroe County,*
 6 *from back-country Harmony Road to the Economy Inn on South*
 7 *Walnut just outside the Bloomington city limits;*

8 *Whereas, The 150-foot-wide funnel destroyed the Clear*
 9 *Creek Post Office, flattened two buildings, and severely*
 10 *damaged dozens of houses in its path. In Perry Township alone,*
 11 *it obliterated three quadplexes, severely damaged four brick*
 12 *duplexes, and destroyed another three, while inflicting massive*
 13 *damages to the Economy Inn;*

14 *Whereas, In the month following the tornado, Perry*
 15 *Township staff helped 18 different households with temporary*
 16 *housing, groceries, and other resources without denying*
 17 *anyone assistance;*

18 *Whereas, Combs and Perry Township employees took the*
 19 *entire responsibility of assisting the tornado victims with*
 20 *housing, food, and other necessities despite having no legal*
 21 *obligation to assist victims of natural disasters; and*

22 *Whereas, Dan is survived by his wife, Pat Oskam-Combs;*
 23 *his children, Levi Combs and Erin Combs-Gillott (Simon*
 24 *Gillott); his grandchildren, Mathis and Rowan; his siblings,*
 25 *Pat Combs, Mike Combs (Deb Combs), Mark Combs, Deniese*
 26 *Combs, and Angela Eads (Tony Eads): Therefore,*

27 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*
 28 *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives*
 29 *concurring:*

30 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly expresses
 31 its sympathy and deepest condolences to the family of Daniel
 32 Combs.



1 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
2 to transmit four copies of this Resolution to the family of
3 Daniel Combs.

