

**SENATE CONCURRENT
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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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2 Herbert Hamilton.

3 *Whereas, Lee Herbert Hamilton was born in Daytona*
4 *Beach, Florida, on April 20, 1931, and later moved to Indiana,*
5 *where he spent the rest of his life;*

6 *Whereas, Hamilton graduated from Evansville Central*
7 *High School in 1948, and won the Arthur L. Trester award for*
8 *his excellence in basketball;*

9 *Whereas, Hamilton graduated with a degree in history from*
10 *DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana, continuing his*
11 *outstanding basketball career which earned him a spot in the*
12 *Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in 1982;*

13 *Whereas, While in college, Hamilton was deeply involved*
14 *in student government, serving on the school's Council on*
15 *Religious Life and in the Methodist Student Movement, where*
16 *he met his lifelong partner, Nancy Ann Nelson, who passed*
17 *away in 2012;*

18 *Whereas, After a year of study at the Goethe University in*
19 *Germany, he graduated from the Indiana University School of*
20 *Law in 1956, which led him into private practice;*

21 *Whereas, He served as the chairman of the Bartholomew*
22 *County Citizens, treasurer of the Bartholomew County Young*
23 *Democrats from 1960-1963, and President from 1963-1964;*



1 *Whereas, Hamilton began his thirty-four-year career in the*
2 *House of Representatives in 1965, serving Indiana's 9th District*
3 *until 1999;*

4 *Whereas, Hamilton received the title "Outstanding*
5 *Freshman Congressman" from the Capitol Hill Young*
6 *Democratic Club during his first year;*

7 *Whereas, His ardent committee work, effectiveness, and*
8 *responsiveness to constituents were displayed all through his*
9 *time serving in committees such as the Committee on Standards*
10 *of Official Conduct, Select Committee on Ethics, Commission*
11 *on Administrative Review, Permanent Select Committee on*
12 *Intelligence, and Committee on Science, Space, and*
13 *Technology;*

14 *Whereas, As his vision in national and international affairs*
15 *grew, he became a supporter of legislation promoting*
16 *democracy, ethics, administrative, organizational, and market*
17 *reforms;*

18 *Whereas, Upon leaving Congress in 1999, Hamilton*
19 *became director of the Woodrow Wilson International Center*
20 *for Scholars in Washington, D.C., and established the Center*
21 *on Congress at Indiana University, which he directed;*

22 *Whereas, He was also appointed as a member of the*
23 *advisory council for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security*
24 *in 2001, and from December 2002 through August 2004 served*
25 *as Vice Chair of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks*
26 *Upon the United States (9/11 Commission);*

27 *Whereas, Lee Hamilton passed away on February 3, 2026,*
28 *at the age of 94 and he is survived by his three children, Tracy*
29 *Lynn, Deborah Lee, and Douglas Nelson, and his five*
30 *grandchildren: Therefore,*

31 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*
32 *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives*
33 *concurring:*



1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly expresses
2 its sympathy and deepest condolences to the family of Lee
3 Herbert Hamilton.
4 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
5 to transmit two copies of this Resolution to the family of Lee
6 Herbert Hamilton.

