

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

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A SENATE RESOLUTION memorializing Richard D. Young.

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SENATE RESOLUTION _____

MR. PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION memorializing Richard D.
2 Young.

3 *Whereas, State Senator Richard D. Young, Jr., of Milltown,*
4 *Indiana, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-*
5 *grandfather, passed away on Saturday December 27, 2025, at*
6 *his home;*

7 *Whereas, Senator Young was born on December 2, 1942,*
8 *in Louisville, Kentucky, to Richard D. Young, Sr., and*
9 *Margaret Haywood;*

10 *Whereas, Senator Young graduated from St. Xavier High*
11 *School in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1961 and graduated summa*
12 *cum laude from Vincennes University with an A.B. in*
13 *Behavioral Sciences;*

14 *Whereas, Senator Young was married to his first wife,*
15 *Elaine, for nearly 41 years until her passing;*

16 *Whereas, Senator Young married his second wife, Ashira,*
17 *in 2005 and she survives him;*



1 *Whereas, Senator Young represented District 47, which*
2 *included parts of Crawford, Dubois, Harrison, Orange, and*
3 *Washington Counties, after succeeding newly-elected*
4 *Lieutenant Governor Frank O'Bannon in 1988;*

5 *Whereas, Senator Young became the Senate's longest*
6 *serving Minority Leader after holding that position from 1996*
7 *to 2008 and later served as Minority Leader Emeritus from*
8 *2008 to 2014;*

9 *Whereas, In 2009, Senator Young co-founded the Rural*
10 *Caucus, which continues to be a bi-partisan group of*
11 *legislators in the General Assembly focused on rural*
12 *communities and agricultural issues;*

13 *Whereas, Senator Young served as the Ranking Minority*
14 *Member on the Agriculture and Natural Resources and Local*
15 *Government committees;*

16 *Whereas, Prior to his tenure in the Senate, Senator Young*
17 *was the Crawford County Auditor for eight years and also*
18 *served as the Secretary of the Crawford County Democrat*
19 *Central Committee from 1986 to 1988;*

20 *Whereas, Prior to entering politics, Senator Young was*
21 *part-owner of E&S Distributors in Louisville, Kentucky, with*
22 *his two brothers, Phillip and Tom. After moving to Milltown,*
23 *Indiana, in 1970, he raised cattle and hogs on his 120-acre*
24 *farm until his entrance into politics;*

25 *Whereas, After his marriage to his second wife, Ashira,*
26 *Senator Young raised goats and chickens and had a large*
27 *vegetable garden. He also dedicated his time to oil painting and*
28 *making jewelry. It could be said that Senator Young was an*
29 *unassuming Renaissance man;*

30 *Whereas, Senator Young always provided his Senate*
31 *colleagues and staff with eggs from his farm;*



1 *Whereas, Senator Young is survived by four daughters,*
2 *Bridget, Angela, Vicki, and Jennifer; one son, Richard; nine*
3 *grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and a sister,*
4 *Peggy; and*

5 *Whereas, Senator Young was dedicated and committed to*
6 *everything he undertook and took great pride in assisting his*
7 *constituents during and after his Senate tenure: Therefore,*

8 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
9 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

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11 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate memorializes State
12 Senator Richard D. Young's lifetime and his dedicated service
13 to his community and the State of Indiana.

14 SECTION 2. That the Secretary of the Senate shall transmit
15 copies of this Resolution to Ashira Young.

