

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring Samuelson Insurance Agency.

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SENATE RESOLUTION ____

MR. PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring Samuelson Insurance
2 Agency.

3 *Whereas, Samuelson Insurance Agency was founded in*
4 *1926 by William Samuelson, who passed away in 1953;*

5 *Whereas, After William's death, the business was run first*
6 *by William's wife, Esther Samuelson, and daughter, Evelyn*
7 *Hamstrom, then by William's son-in-law, Charles Lorenz, and*
8 *eventually by Charles' son, Kenneth Lorenz;*

9 *Whereas, The agency is now run by James Hazzard, who*
10 *joined in 2010, assumed day-to-day leadership a few years*
11 *later, and fully acquired the agency from Charles Lorenz in*
12 *2019;*

13 *Whereas, The business operated out of the family home in*
14 *Portage until 1978, when the current Portage office was built*
15 *and what began as a small family operation has grown into a*
16 *multi-location independent agency serving Northwest Indiana*
17 *for a full century;*



1 *Whereas, Charles is a disabled veteran who speaks at local*
2 *high schools about service, leadership, overcoming setbacks,*
3 *and pathways after graduation. The agency emphasizes*
4 *education, mentorship, and encouraging young people to find*
5 *ways to contribute to their community. The agency helps*
6 *institute a Certified Insurance Service Representative program*
7 *at a local high school as an effort to bring younger generations*
8 *into the industry;*

9 *Whereas, Each year, Samuelson Insurance Agency donates*
10 *thousands of dollars to local schools, city events, youth sports,*
11 *and nonprofit organizations throughout Northwest Indiana and*
12 *helps run a Student of the Month Program for Portage*
13 *Township Schools; and*

14 *Whereas, A Samuelson Insurance Agency centennial poster*
15 *is being painted by Mitch Markovitz, a well-known Chicago*
16 *and South Shore Line artist whose posters are widely*
17 *recognized across the region, with the original framed painting*
18 *going on display at the Portage office on February 25th, and a*
19 *framed print being donated to the City of Portage for*
20 *permanent display at City Hall: Therefore,*

21 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
22 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

23 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate honors Samuelson
24 Insurance Agency.

25 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
26 to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Samuelson Insurance
27 Agency and James Hazzard.

