

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

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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.

