

**SENATE CONCURRENT
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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



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2 for his 34 years of dedicated public service to the citizens of South
3 Bend, Indiana.

4 *Whereas, Phillip L. St. Clair began working for the City of*
5 *South Bend in 1982, and in 1993, South Bend Mayor Joseph E.*
6 *Kernan appointed Phil to be the Park Superintendent. In 1995 this*
7 *position was expanded to oversee all park and recreation programs,*
8 *services and activities;*

9 *Whereas, Phil tackled and effectively addressed the renovation*
10 *of the Ella Morris Conservatory by making it into an energy*
11 *efficient and welcoming venue; maintained the City's 14*
12 *Community Parks, 26 Neighborhood Parks, 7 Block Parks, 13*
13 *Special Parks, and worked to have the Department of Parks and*
14 *Recreation become accredited for the first time on September 25,*
15 *2007;*

16 *Whereas, With Phil's determination, the Department of Parks*
17 *and Recreation became one of just four departments in the State of*
18 *Indiana to be accredited by the Commission for Accreditation of*
19 *Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA), and now is among 142*
20 *accredited agencies in the United States which are recognized "for*
21 *excellence in operation and service...while providing assurance to*
22 *the public that the agency meets national standards of best*
23 *practice", representing the top 1% of all park and recreation*
24 *agencies achieving this recognition;*



1 *Whereas, Under Phil’s leadership, dedicated support staff and*
2 *employees, the Department of Parks & Recreation was selected as*
3 *the “Outstanding Agency” by the Indiana Parks & Recreation*
4 *Association in 2012;*

5 *Whereas, In 2014, Phil helped work with residents to “put*
6 *together some strategic thoughts, ideas & plans” to build a*
7 *roadmap which became the 5-Year Park Master Plan, 2014-2018.*
8 *It focuses on We Build Community Through People Parks and*
9 *Programs and is “...intended to help meet the needs of current and*
10 *future residents by positioning South Bend to build upon the city’s*
11 *unique parks and recreation assets and identify new opportunities”*
12 *through this citizen-driven plan, which establishes “a clear*
13 *direction to guide city staff, advisory committees, and elected*
14 *officials in their efforts to enhance the community’s parks &*
15 *recreation programs, services and facilities” which attract over 1*
16 *million visitors a year; and*

17 *Whereas, Phil established the South Bend Parks Foundation*
18 *in December of 2010, for the purpose of “providing resources to*
19 *build community through people, parks, and programs, in support of*
20 *Phil’s vision that the South Bend parks and recreation have a*
21 *“long-term legacy” of such programs which would “forever remain*
22 *an integral part of our community”:* Therefore,

23 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of*
24 *the State of Indiana:*

25 SECTION 1. The Indiana General Assembly congratulates
26 Phillip L. St. Clair for his hard work and dedicated service to the city
27 of South Bend for the past 34 years.

28 SECTION 2. That the Secretary of the Senate is hereby ordered
29 to transmit 1 copy of this resolution to Phillip L. St. Clair.

