

**SENATE CONCURRENT  
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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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1           A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Ruth Funk Jensen for  
2 her many years of service to Hendricks County, Indiana, in celebration  
3 of her 90th birthday.

4           *Whereas, Ruth Funk Jensen was born on March 10, 1925, in*  
5 *Casey County, Kentucky to Thomas Chelf and Mary Wethington Chelf,*  
6 *and as a child, Ruth was surrounded by the love of her parents, her*  
7 *sister Clementine, and her five brothers Ernest, Buck, Herschel, Elmer,*  
8 *and Bob;*

9           *Whereas, The Chelf family moved from Casey County, Kentucky*  
10 *to Lizton, Indiana in 1926;*

11           *Whereas, On September 28, 1943, Ruth became a war bride at the*  
12 *age of 17 marrying her husband, Merle Funk, after taking the train to*  
13 *California to be with him before he deployed to the Phillipines;*

14           *Whereas, Upon returning to Indiana, Ruth worked at Marmon-*  
15 *Harrington, located on West Washington Street in Indianapolis, where*  
16 *Jeeps were manufactured to support the U.S. Military;*

17           *Whereas, In 1957, Ruth and Merle moved to Danville, Indiana,*  
18 *and became involved with the Hendricks County Republican Party;*

19           *Whereas, In 1962, Merle was elected and served two terms as*  
20 *Hendricks County Sheriff, at which time Ruth and Merle moved with*  
21 *their three children into the Hendricks County Jail where Ruth began*  
22 *her tenure as Matron;*



1           *Whereas, Ruth served as President of the Hendricks County*  
2           *Republican Women's Federation and in this role she had the pleasure*  
3           *of attending a reception for Ronald and Nancy Reagan where Ruth had*  
4           *the opportunity to shake hands and speak with our future President;*

5           *Whereas, The Funk family's stay in the Hendricks County Jail was*  
6           *a significant period of time in Indiana history, when the Sheriff and his*  
7           *family would live in the jail with his wife serving as Matron, and the*  
8           *Funk family was the last to reside in the Hendricks County Jail with*  
9           *their children;*

10           *Whereas, The old Hendricks County Jail now serves as a museum*  
11           *for the county; and*

12           *Whereas, When Ruth concluded her tenure as Matron of the*  
13           *Hendricks County Jail, she then served faithfully as a secretary in the*  
14           *Indiana Senate for several years: Therefore,*

15           *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*  
16           *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

17           SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly honors Ruth  
18           Funk Jensen for her many years of service to Hendricks County and the  
19           State of Indiana in celebration of her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

20           SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to  
21           transmit a copy of this Resolution to Ruth Funk Jensen.

