

Joint Resolution of
DeKalb County Commissioners
2025 R-8
DCC 4-1-3-39
and
DeKalb County Council
Council Resolution # 2025 RCC-8

A RESOLUTION TO HONOR FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE DONALD J. LAUER

WHEREAS, Donald J. Lauer passed from this life on Monday, May 5, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Donald J. Lauer faithfully served the citizens of DeKalb County from 1991 to 2018, including two terms as DeKalb County Sheriff from 2011 to 2018; and

WHEREAS, Donald J. Lauer distinguished himself in his public service to the citizens of DeKalb County, Indiana, serving as a patrolman, detective and Sheriff; and

WHEREAS, Don also served his church and his community throughout his life as a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and was a member of Knights of Columbus Council 9186. He gave of his time generously volunteering for Catholic Charities, taking communion to residents of local nursing homes;

WHEREAS, Don's life of service is evidence of his strong faith in God; and

WHEREAS, the county and citizens of this county are indebted to Don for his unselfish leadership and service to our community and will be sorely missed by all those whose lives he touched.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS, that the DeKalb County Commissioners and the DeKalb County Council commemorate the life of Donald J. Lauer; and acknowledge that in his passing, our community has lost a faithful and valued servant; and express our gratitude and respect for his unselfish public service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the DeKalb County Commissioners and DeKalb County Council convey our sincere sympathy to his wife Julie; daughters and sons-in-law, Elizabeth and Evan Mower of Fort Wayne, and Anna and Austin Haselhorst of Noblesville; and grandsons, Russell and Jonathan Haselhorst; his sister and brother-in-law, Debbie and Langdon Adams of Fort Wayne; as well as his extended family.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we do hereby declare **June 11th, 2025**, as the day of official mourning for our departed friend and colleague, and we do direct that the flags of our country and of our county be flown at half-mast during this day as a sign to all of our respect for Donald J. Lauer.



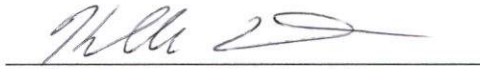
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be filed in the permanent records of the County Commissioners and the County Council, and that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the family of Donald J. Lauer.

Duly enacted this 9th day of June, 2025 by the DeKalb County Commissioners.

Duly enacted this 11th day of June, 2025 by the DeKalb County Council.

DEKALB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

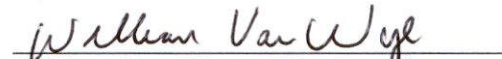

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