

DEKALB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION NUMBER 2018-R-24
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John David Souder Memorial

WHEREAS, John David Souder passed from this life on Monday, October 8, 2018, at the age of 80; and

WHEREAS, John leaves our community and automobile enthusiasts nationwide forever in his debt with his passion and dedication to creating beauty in our rich classic automobile heritage; and

WHEREAS, John was a graduate of Auburn High School in 1955, and continued his education, graduating from the Academy of Art in Chicago; served his country in the Army; demonstrated and developed his talent in art during his time in the Army and as Art Director for Fort Wayne WANE TV and Champaign, Illinois WMBV; and spent forty years as Art Director for Colwell Industries, and Ferber & Suedhoff Advertising Agency, creating Billboard Art and other creative designs for companies throughout Northeastern Indiana; and

WHEREAS, this passion and dedication led to John agreeing to utilize his time and talents to create an ACD Festival Poster to help enhance the newly formed ACD Festival; and

WHEREAS, John created his first ACD Festival poster in 1981, and it was so loved and appreciated that he was asked and then volunteered free of charge to create ACD Festival posters over thirty-six years; and only his battle with cancer lead to his ending this service with his last memorable post in 2017; and

WHEREAS, John impacted Auburn and classic car enthusiasts worldwide with his talent for bringing Auburn car history to life; and

WHEREAS, John touched the lives of all who knew and appreciated him.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the DeKalb County Commissioners commemorate the life of John David Souder; and acknowledge that in his passing, our community has lost a faithful and valued servant; and express our gratitude and respect for his unselfish service.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the DeKalb County Commissioners convey our sincere sympathy to his wife Shirley Faith Souder of Auburn, his daughter Ellen of Fort Wayne, his grandson Logan Bier and wife Ailsa, and their daughter Ayla of Boulder, Colorado; his grandson Jordan Ross of Fort Wayne; his granddaughter Emily Ross and her daughter Ruth of Fort Wayne; and his entire extended family.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commissioners hereby declare December 17 and December 18, 2018, as days of official mourning for our departed friend and colleague, and we hereby direct that the flags of our country and our county be flown at half mast during these days as a signal to all of our respect for John David Souder.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be filed in the permanent records of the County Commissioners, and that a copy be sent to the family of John David Souder.

Duly enacted this 17th day of December, 2018.

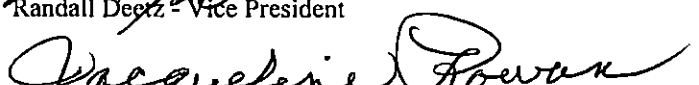
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