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1           A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Judge James  
2 S. Kirsch.

3           *Whereas, The Honorable James S. Kirsch, Judge of the*  
4 *Indiana Court of Appeals, has announced his retirement after*  
5 *years of distinguished service to the State of Indiana;*

6           *Whereas, Judge Kirsch is an Indianapolis native who*  
7 *received his bachelor's degree with honors from Butler*  
8 *University in 1968 and graduated cum laude from the Indiana*  
9 *University Robert H. McKinney School of Law in 1974. He and*  
10 *his wife Jan have two children, Adam and Alexandra;*

11           *Whereas, From 1974 to 1988, Judge Kirsch practiced law*  
12 *with the firm of Kroger, Gardis & Regas in Indianapolis in the*  
13 *areas of commercial and business litigation and served as*  
14 *managing partner of the firm. He served as judge of the Marion*  
15 *Superior Court from 1988 to 1994 and as presiding judge of*  
16 *that court in 1992;*

17           *Whereas, Judge Kirsch was appointed to the Court of Appeals*  
18 *by Governor Evan Bayh in March 1994 and served as chief*  
19 *judge from March 1, 2004, to February 28, 2007. He was*  
20 *retained on the court by the voters in three retention elections*  
21 *in 1996, 2006, and 2016;*

22           *Whereas, Judge Kirsch has made a prodigious contribution*  
23 *to Indiana law by authoring more than 6,000 decisions of the*  
24 *Court of Appeals that are admired for their sound logic, clear*  
25 *reasoning, and practical results;*



1        *Whereas, Since 1990, Judge Kirsch has held an appointment*  
2        *as visiting professor of law and management at the Krannert*  
3        *Graduate School of Management at Purdue University. He has*  
4        *taught law in 30 countries on five continents and currently*  
5        *holds concurrent faculty appointments at the University of*  
6        *Tilburg in the Netherlands and the Central European*  
7        *University in Budapest, Hungary. He is a frequent speaker and*  
8        *lecturer and has served on the faculty of more than 300*  
9        *continuing legal education programs;*

10       *Whereas, Judge Kirsch is a past-president of the Indianapolis*  
11       *Bar Association and of the Indianapolis Bar Foundation and is*  
12       *a former member of the Board of Visitors of the Indiana*  
13       *University Robert H. McKinney School of Law. He is a Fellow*  
14       *of the Indiana State Bar Foundation and of the Indianapolis*  
15       *Bar Foundation. He is a past-president of the United*  
16       *Way/Community Service Council Board of Directors;*

17       *Whereas, Judge Kirsch is a current or former member of the*  
18       *Board of Directors of the United Way of Central Indiana, the*  
19       *Board of Associates of Rose Hulman Institute of Technology,*  
20       *and the Boards of Directors of the Goodwill Industries*  
21       *Foundation of Central Indiana, the Community Centers of*  
22       *Indianapolis, the Indianapolis Urban League, the Legal Aid*  
23       *Society of Indianapolis, the Stanley K. Lacy Leadership*  
24       *Association, and the Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site;*

25       *Whereas, Judge Kirsch has been named a Sagamore of the*  
26       *Wabash by four different governors; and*

27       *Whereas, In 2009, the Indianapolis Bar Association presented*  
28       *Judge Kirsch with its highest award, the Hon. Paul H.*  
29       *Buchanan Award of Excellence, in recognition of "his notable*  
30       *attainments as a lawyer and honorable service to the legal*  
31       *profession over an extended period time": Therefore,*

32                    *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives*  
33                    *of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,*  
34                    *the Senate concurring:*

35        SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly honors and  
36        recognizes Judge James S. Kirsch and expresses its appreciation  
37        for his service to the State of Indiana.

38        SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of



- 1 Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to
- 2 Representative Edward DeLaney for distribution.

