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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Virginia  
Caine.

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1       A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Virginia  
2       Caine.

3       *Whereas, Virginia A. Caine, M.D., is the director of the*  
4       *Marion County Public Health Department;*

5       *Whereas, Dr. Caine's work with the health department is*  
6       *critically important during the COVID-19 crisis, and her work*  
7       *continues to protect Hoosiers across the state in many other*  
8       *ways, including sanitation, restaurant inspections, housing*  
9       *code compliance, immunizations, communicable disease*  
10      *control, health education, and prenatal care coordination;*

11      *Whereas, Dr. Caine graduated from the State University of*  
12      *New York Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse. She completed*  
13      *her internal medicine residency at the University of Cincinnati*  
14      *College of Medicine, and she received her infectious diseases*  
15      *fellowship training at the University of Washington in Seattle;*

16      *Whereas, Dr. Caine is an associate professor of medicine at*  
17      *the Indiana University School of Medicine Division of*  
18      *Infectious Diseases;*

19      *Whereas, Dr. Caine was instrumental in the first nationwide*  
20      *physician educational program regarding AIDS for the*  
21      *National Medical Association. This program was later*  
22      *duplicated by the American Medical Association;*

23      *Whereas, Dr. Caine contributed her expertise and passion for*  
24      *public health to the first integrated HIV health care delivery*  
25      *system in Indianapolis to support Hoosiers and local primary*



1     *care agencies addressing HIV and AIDS;*

2     *Whereas, Dr. Caine was the principal investigator for the*  
 3     *Health Resources and Services Administration's Ryan White*  
 4     *Title III funds. Dr. Caine's work established the first AIDS*  
 5     *clinics in major city hospitals and in ten community health*  
 6     *centers;*

7     *Whereas, Dr. Caine received praise and notoriety for her*  
 8     *work in Indianapolis to reduce the black infant mortality rate,*  
 9     *which was the highest in the nation. Her work is credited for*  
 10    *bringing the black infant mortality rate to its lowest level in the*  
 11    *history of Indianapolis, a reduction of 46%;*

12    *Whereas, Dr. Caine also works to provide greater public*  
 13    *health access through various roles across Indiana, including:*  
 14    *chair of the Managed Emergency Surge for Healthcare*  
 15    *Coalition; co-chair for the Jump IN for Healthy Kids Advisory*  
 16    *Committee; founding member of the Indiana Health*  
 17    *Information Exchange; and board member of the Indiana*  
 18    *Latino Institute;*

19    *Whereas, Dr. Caine's work in infectious diseases is*  
 20    *recognized nationally and she contributes her knowledge and*  
 21    *skill in many roles, including: chair of the Board of Trustees for*  
 22    *the National Medical Association; chair of the Infectious*  
 23    *Diseases Section of the National Medical Association; member*  
 24    *of the CDC Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report Editorial*  
 25    *Board; and member of the National Biodefense Science Board,*  
 26    *which provides expert advice and guidance to the Secretary of*  
 27    *the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the*  
 28    *assistant secretary of preparedness; and*

29    *Whereas, Dr. Caine works tirelessly to promote and advance*  
 30    *public health through innovative programs and collaborations*  
 31    *with local, state, and national stakeholders: 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 Dr.  
 36     Virginia A. Caine for her many contributions in her community.

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



- 1 Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to the
- 2 office of State Representative John Bartlett for distribution.

