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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Jim Shella.

2 *Whereas, After a 40 year career in television news, Jim*
3 *Shella retired;*

4 *Whereas, Jim Shella covered Indiana politics longer than*
5 *any other television reporter in the state;*

6 *Whereas, For the last 34 years, Jim Shella was WISH-TV's*
7 *political reporter and, for 25 years, served as the host and*
8 *producer of WFYI-TV's Indiana Week in Review;*

9 *Whereas, During his illustrious career, Jim Shella has*
10 *followed six Indiana governors, covered 14 national*
11 *conventions, and interviewed hundreds of politicians from*
12 *former President Ronald Reagan to President Donald*
13 *Trump;*

14 *Whereas, In recognition of his outstanding work, Jim*
15 *Shella received the Larry Conrad Award from the*
16 *Indianapolis Press Club, as well as numerous Associated*
17 *Press, UPI, and SPJ awards;*

18 *Whereas, Jim Shella first reported Sen. Richard Lugar's*
19 *decision to run for President in 1996 and broke the story that*
20 *then-Governor Mike Pence was traveling to New York where*
21 *he was named President Trump's running mate;*

22 *Whereas, However, Jim Shella considers his greatest*
23 *accomplishment to be the success of WFYI-TV's Indiana*



1 *Week in Review;*

2 *Whereas, Jim Shella took over the show in 1991 after it had*
3 *been temporarily suspended;*

4 *Whereas, Jim Shella trusted his instincts and, through hard*
5 *work and dedication, transformed the show into an*
6 *award-winning standout program;*

7 *Whereas, Jim Shella has received three Sagamore of the*
8 *Wabash awards from three different governors and will soon*
9 *be inducted into the Indiana Associated Press Broadcasters*
10 *Hall of Fame;*

11 *Whereas, Before coming to Indiana, Jim Shella worked at*
12 *television stations in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and Cedar*
13 *Rapids, Iowa;*

14 *Whereas, A native of Jasper, Minnesota, Jim Shella*
15 *graduated from St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud,*
16 *Minnesota, with a bachelor of arts degree in mass*
17 *communications;*

18 *Whereas, However, Jim Shella had originally entered*
19 *college to pursue a career in pharmacy;*

20 *Whereas, Together with Connie, his wife of 41 years, Jim*
21 *Shella has a daughter named Kate, whose battle with*
22 *diabetes has inspired his charity work for the past 38 years;*
23 *and*

24 *Whereas, Jim Shella will be missed far beyond the walls of*
25 *the Indiana Statehouse: Therefore,*

26 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives*
27 *of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,*
28 *the Senate concurring;*

29 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes the
30 many accomplishments of Jim Shella during his 40 year career in
31 television news.

32 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
33 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Jim Shella and his
34 family.

