



Introduced Version

**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

Introduced by: Smith V

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION honoring Renee M. Ortega on
2 her work with the Indiana State Bar Association.

3 *Whereas, The Indiana State Bar Association is the largest*
4 *legal organization in Indiana with more than 12,000 members.*
5 *It was founded in 1896 in the hall of the Indiana House of*
6 *Representatives with more than 100 lawyers present;*

7 *Whereas, The Indiana State Bar Association's mission is to*
8 *improve the administration of justice and promote public*
9 *understanding of the legal system;*

10 *Whereas, The vision of the ISBA is to serve and advocate on*
11 *behalf of its members, their clients, and the public interest, as*
12 *the independent voice of the legal profession;*

13 *Whereas, On October 9, 2020, Renee M. Ortega was*

20212751



1 *inducted as Secretary of the Indiana State Bar Association*
2 *during he association's annual meeting;*

3 *Whereas, She was inducted with three other officers from*
4 *Northwest Indiana, namely President Michael E. Tolbert,*
5 *Shontrai D. Irving, Counsel to the President, and Treasurer*
6 *James B. Dillon Sr.;*

7 *Whereas, This is the first time that all four of these positions*
8 *have been held by persons of color simultaneously; and*

9 *Whereas, This is a "Legal Dream Team" for the State of*
10 *Indiana: Therefore,*

11 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the*
12 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

13 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives
14 honors Renee Ortega for her work with the Indiana State Bar
15 Association.

16 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
17 Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to the
18 office of State Representative Vernon G. Smith for distribution.

