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2 Secretary of State Connie Lawson upon her retirement from the  
3 Office of the Indiana Secretary of State.

4           *Whereas, Secretary Lawson has dedicated more than three*  
5 *decades to serving Hoosiers and the State of Indiana in various*  
6 *capacities, including as the Clerk of the Hendricks County*  
7 *Circuit Court, Indiana State Senator representing Senate*  
8 *District 24, and Secretary of State;*

9           *Whereas, Secretary Lawson was first elected as Clerk of the*  
10 *Hendricks County Circuit Court in 1988, during which time she*  
11 *served as the President of the Indiana Clerks Association and*  
12 *was recognized as Elections Administrator of the Year by the*  
13 *Indiana State Election Board and as Clerk of the Year by the*  
14 *Indiana Clerks Association;*

15           *Whereas, After eight years as County Clerk, Secretary*  
16 *Lawson continued to faithfully and honorably serve as the*  
17 *Indiana State Senator for the constituents of Senate District 24,*  
18 *encompassing parts of Putnam and Hendricks counties, from*  
19 *1996 until 2012;*

20           *Whereas, During her tenure in the Senate, Secretary*  
21 *Lawson chaired the Senate Committees on Elections, Local*  
22 *Government, and Joint Rules, served as a member of the Senate*  
23 *Committees on Appropriations and Appointments and Claims,*  
24 *and was selected as the first woman Majority Floor Leader in*  
25 *the state's history;*



1       *Whereas, While in the Senate, Secretary Lawson*  
 2       *championed legislation that would promote transparency and*  
 3       *accountability in elections, expand vote centers across Indiana,*  
 4       *and introduce no-excuse early voting;*

5       *Whereas, In addition to her work on election integrity,*  
 6       *Secretary Lawson also advocated for policy that would keep*  
 7       *Hoosiers healthy and promote their mental well-being;*

8       *Whereas, Upon her retirement from the Indiana State*  
 9       *Senate in 2012, Secretary Lawson was appointed to the Office*  
 10       *of Indiana Secretary of State, where she has served with*  
 11       *distinction, working to ensure the integrity and security of*  
 12       *Indiana's elections, helping to increase financial literacy for*  
 13       *Indiana's citizens, and implementing the new INBiz portal for*  
 14       *businesses;*

15       *Whereas, During her tenure as Secretary of State, Secretary*  
 16       *Lawson participated in numerous organizations, including as*  
 17       *President of the National Association of Secretaries of State, an*  
 18       *honorary governor of the Richard G. Lugar Excellence in*  
 19       *Public Service Series, chairwoman for the Lupus Foundation*  
 20       *of Indiana, and co-chair of the Hendricks County United Way;*

21       *Whereas, Upon her retirement from the Office of the*  
 22       *Indiana Secretary of State, Secretary Lawson plans to spend*  
 23       *additional time with her husband, Jack, and their family; and*

24       *Whereas, Secretary Lawson's unquestioned integrity and*  
 25       *leadership displayed throughout her decades of service to the*  
 26       *State of Indiana will be greatly missed: Therefore,*

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

30       SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly honors  
 31       Indiana Secretary of State Lawson upon her retirement and  
 32       thanks her for her years of service to the State of Indiana.

33       SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed



1 to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Secretary Lawson and  
2 her family.

