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2 H. David upon his retirement from the Indiana Supreme Court.

3 *Whereas, Justice Steven H. David has spent nearly all of his*
4 *life and distinguished legal career as a Hoosier, having been*
5 *born in Allen County, raised and began his civilian law*
6 *practice in Bartholomew County, and resided in Boone County*
7 *for more than two decades;*

8 *Whereas, Justice David graduated magna cum laude with*
9 *a Bachelor of Science in Finance, General and Military Science*
10 *in 1979 from Murray State University as a Distinguished*
11 *Military Graduate on a Reserve Officers' Training Corps*
12 *scholarship and earned his Juris Doctor from Indiana*
13 *University's Robert H. McKinney School of Law in 1982;*

14 *Whereas, Upon his law school graduation, Justice David*
15 *served as an Army Judge Advocate General (JAG) on active*
16 *duty from 1982 until 1986, then transferred to the Army*
17 *Reserves, where he continued to serve until his retirement in*
18 *2010 after 28 years of service with the rank of Colonel;*

19 *Whereas, As an Army JAG, Justice David served as trial*
20 *counsel, defense counsel, Chief Defense Counsel, Military*
21 *Judge, and Commander, and was mobilized to Iraq and*
22 *Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, during which he earned various*
23 *awards and decorations including the Defense Superior Service*
24 *Medal, multiple Meritorious Service Medals, Army*
25 *Commendation Medals, and the Frederick Douglass Human*
26 *Rights Award;*



1 *Whereas, In his civilian capacity, Justice David began his*
2 *legal career focusing on personal injury, family law, and civil*
3 *litigation before acting as in-house counsel for Mayflower*
4 *Transit;*

5 *Whereas, In 1994, Justice David was elected to the Boone*
6 *County Circuit Court, where he presided over civil, criminal,*
7 *family, and juvenile cases for fifteen years and was the*
8 *recipient of the Robert Kinsey Award as the most outstanding*
9 *juvenile court judge in Indiana for his efforts in improving the*
10 *availability of mental health services for children;*

11 *Whereas, In 2010, Justice David was appointed by*
12 *Governor Mitch Daniels to serve as Indiana's 106th Supreme*
13 *Court Justice following the retirement of Justice Theodore R.*
14 *Boehm;*

15 *Whereas, While serving on the Indiana Supreme Court,*
16 *Justice David served as chair of the Juvenile Detention*
17 *Alternatives Initiative, co-chair of the Program Committee for*
18 *the Indiana State Bar Association's Leadership Development*
19 *Academy, co-chair of Court Technology Expansion, and as a*
20 *member of the Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program (JLAP)*
21 *Committee, Indiana Judges Association, and the Boone County,*
22 *Brown County, Lake County, Indianapolis, Indiana, and*
23 *American Bar Associations;*

24 *Whereas, Justice David has served as an adjunct professor*
25 *at the University of Indianapolis, University of Notre Dame*
26 *Law School, and Indiana University Robert H. McKinney*
27 *School of Law, and has made over 500 speeches and*
28 *presentations both nationally and internationally;*

29 *Whereas, Justice David has been the distinguished recipient*
30 *of awards including the Excellence in Public Information and*
31 *Education award, Indiana State Bar Association Lifetime*
32 *Dedication award, Indiana University Bicentennial Medal,*
33 *numerous Presidential Citations from the Indiana State Bar*
34 *Association, and was awarded the Sagamore of the Wabash by*
35 *Governor Eric Holcomb;*



1 *Whereas, Throughout his distinguished career, Justice*
2 *David has positively impacted the lives of countless law clerks*
3 *(whom he designates as legal advisors), externs, and lawyers*
4 *around the state through his fierce advocacy for the justice*
5 *system and the rule of law, his love for fitness through*
6 *marathons and triathlons, and by always finding a way to*
7 *develop Hoosier leaders in the legal profession;*

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9 *Whereas, Justice David officially stepped down from the*
10 *bench on August 31, 2022, after serving nearly 30 years as a*
11 *judicial branch leader, presiding over 30,000 cases, and*
12 *authoring more than 200 opinions;*

13 *Whereas, Upon his retirement, Justice David plans to*
14 *continue serving in the legal profession as a Senior Judge,*
15 *mediator, Of Counsel to an Indiana law firm, member of the*
16 *JLAP Committee, and JLAP volunteer; and*

17 *Whereas, Justice David's unparalleled leadership,*
18 *unswerving advocacy for the legal profession, and his daily*
19 *execution of his motto to Work Hard, Do Good, Be Proud,*
20 *Have Fun, and Do What Is Right will be greatly missed in the*
21 *Indiana Supreme Court and throughout the Statehouse:*
22 *Therefore,*

23 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*
24 *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives*
25 *concurring:*

26 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly honors
27 Justice Steven H. David upon his retirement from the Indiana
28 Supreme Court and thanks him for his decades of service to the
29 Hoosier state, the nation, and the legal profession.

30 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
31 to transmit copies of this Resolution to Justice Steven H. David.

