

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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2 School Athletic Association officials for 120 years of positively
3 impacting young student-athletes.

4 *Whereas, On December 29, 1903, the Indiana High School*
5 *Athletic Association (IHSAA) was founded with the purpose of*
6 *providing "encouragement and direction" to athletes in high*
7 *schools across the state;*

8 *Whereas, IHSAA officials are responsible for ensuring that*
9 *all high school student-athletes act in accordance with fairness*
10 *and rules of individual sports, including baseball, basketball,*
11 *cross country, flag football, football, golf, gymnastics, soccer,*
12 *softball, swimming, tennis, track and field, volleyball, and*
13 *wrestling;*

14 *Whereas, IHSAA officials, including referees and umpires,*
15 *serve as strong communal role models that set an example to*
16 *Hoosier youth to understand the importance of following rules,*
17 *maintaining sportsmanship, and competing in a positive light;*

18 *Whereas, In recent years, a combination of increased*
19 *parental harassment, lack of respect towards referees, and*
20 *COVID-19 restrictions have led to a shortage of IHSAA*
21 *officials, ultimately causing games to be canceled;*

22 *Whereas, The efforts of officials to promote young*
23 *student-athletes and protect the integrity of high school sports*
24 *often go unrecognized; and*

1 *Whereas, It is fitting that the Indiana General Assembly*
2 *honors the dedicated IHSAA officials that have been the unsung*
3 *heroes positively contributing to generations of Hoosiers for*
4 *120 years: Therefore,*

5 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*
6 *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives*
7 *concurring:*

8 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly honors
9 IHSAA officials for 120 years of positively impacting young
10 student-athletes.

11 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
12 to transmit copies of this Resolution to IHSAA Commissioner
13 Paul Neidig and all IHSAA officials.