

**SENATE CONCURRENT
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2 Margaret G. Robb upon her retirement from the Indiana Court
3 of Appeals.

4 *Whereas, Judge Robb graduated from Purdue University*
5 *with a bachelors and a masters in business economics in 1970*
6 *and 1972, magna cum laude from the Indiana University*
7 *Robert H. McKinney School of Law in 1978, and from the*
8 *Graduate Program for Indiana Judges and the Indiana Judicial*
9 *College;*

10 *Whereas, Through her studies at McKinney, Judge Robb*
11 *quickly realized a passion and aptitude for the law, finding that*
12 *the logical approach to analyzing legal issues was a natural fit;*

13 *Whereas, Following her graduation from law school, Judge*
14 *Robb spent twenty years engaging in the general practice of*
15 *law in Lafayette, as an expert in family law, serving as a*
16 *Chapter 7, 11, and 12 bankruptcy trustee for the Northern*
17 *District of Indiana, and was a registered family and civil*
18 *mediator;*

19 *Whereas, In 1998, Judge Robb was appointed to the*
20 *Indiana Court of Appeals by Governor Frank O'Bannon, and*
21 *was subsequently retained by the electorate in 2000, 2010, and*
22 *2020;*

23 *Whereas, While serving on the bench, Judge Robb authored*
24 *more than 3,000 majority opinions and has written on a variety*
25 *of legal topics, including articles reflecting on the comparisons*



1 *between baseball and law, a chapter on Indiana Supreme Court*
2 *Justice Leonard Hackney, and a chapter on Judge Robert H.*
3 *Staton in a book on judges of the Indiana Court of Appeals;*

4 *Whereas, Judge Robb led the way for women as the first*
5 *woman in the 110-year history of the Indiana Court of Appeals*
6 *to be elected to serve as Chief Judge and as a founding chair of*
7 *Governor Otis Bowen's Commission on the Status of Women;*

8 *Whereas, Judge Robb has continued her dedication to*
9 *encouraging women in the legal profession as the chair of the*
10 *National Association of Women Judges, has been recognized as*
11 *an honoree in the Indiana State Bar Association's (ISBA) "100*
12 *years of Women in the Legal Profession," was named an*
13 *Indiana Business Journal Woman of Influence, and is the*
14 *recipient of the Indianapolis Bar Association's Women in the*
15 *Law Antoinette Dakin Leach award, the Ball State University's*
16 *"Indiana Woman of Achievement" award, the Tippecanoe*
17 *County YWCA Salute to Women "Women of Distinction"*
18 *Award, and the Indiana Commission for Women's Torchbearer*
19 *Award;*

20 *Whereas, Throughout Judge Robb's public service, she has*
21 *also recieved the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney*
22 *School of Law Distinguished Alumni Award, the Maynard K.*
23 *Hine Distinguished Alumni Award for service to IUPUI and IU,*
24 *the Indiana University Alumni Association's President's Award,*
25 *the Warren G. Harding High School Distinguished Alumni*
26 *Award, the David Hamacher Public Service Award from the*
27 *ISBA, and the ISBA's Litigation Section's Judicial Civility*
28 *Award;*

29 *Whereas, Judge Robb has held the honor of president or*
30 *chair of several organizations, such as the Indiana University*
31 *Robert H. McKinney School of Law Alumni Association, the*
32 *Bankruptcy and Appellate Practice sections of the ISBA, the*
33 *Indiana Bar Foundation, the Appellate Judges Conference of*
34 *the American Bar Association (ABA), the Appellate Judges*
35 *Education Institute, the Supreme Court Task Forces on Family*
36 *Courts and the Development of Trial Court Local Rules, and*



1 *the Council of Chief Judges of State Courts of Appeals;*

2 *Whereas, Judge Robb has been an active volunteer and*
3 *member with various legal organizations, including the*
4 *Tippecanoe County, Indianapolis, and Indiana State Bar*
5 *Associations, Indiana Board of Law Examiners, the Supreme*
6 *Court Interest on Lawyer Trust Account Committee, the*
7 *Indiana State Bar Foundation, and Master Fellow of the ISBA;*

8 *Whereas, Judge Robb has also had the privilege to be a*
9 *part of national legal organizations such as the ABA and the*
10 *American Judicature Society, and as an elected member of the*
11 *American Law Institute, the Federal Advisory Committee on*
12 *Local Rules for the Federal Court of the Northern District of*
13 *Indiana, the Federal Advisory Committee on the Expediting of*
14 *Federal Litigation, and the ABA's committee responsible for*
15 *accrediting law schools;*

16 *Whereas, In addition to all of Judge Robb's accolades, she*
17 *believes that mentoring young lawyers builds a better bar in*
18 *Indiana and strives to contribute to the future of the legal*
19 *profession, where for over 17 years she has chaired a*
20 *continuing legal education program that has raised over one*
21 *million dollars to be used to fund scholarships for law students,*
22 *has continued to hire newly-minted attorneys to serve as her*
23 *judicial law clerks, and proudly adorns her chamber walls with*
24 *the first opinions drafted by each clerk who worked in her*
25 *chambers;*

26 *Whereas, Judge Robb and her husband Stephen, a retired*
27 *Purdue University professor, have been married for over fifty*
28 *years, and share a son who is a graduate of the United States*
29 *Naval Academy and is honorably serving as an active duty*
30 *Commander in the United States Navy; and*

31 *Whereas, Judge Robb's legacy from twenty-five years of*
32 *exemplary service on the Indiana Court of Appeals, lifelong*
33 *dedication to mentoring young lawyers and women, as well as*
34 *her extensive of volunteer service within the legal profession*
35 *deserve recognition for decades to come; Therefore:*



1 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*
2 *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives*
3 *concurring:*
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5 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly honors
6 Judge Margaret G. Robb upon her retirement from the Indiana
7 Court of Appeals and thanks her for her decades of service to
8 the Hoosier state, the nation, and the legal profession.

9 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
10 to transmit copies of this Resolution to Judge Margaret G.
11 Robb.

