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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION congratulating
2 Commander Douglas A. Robb, United States Navy, upon his
3 assumption of command over the guided missile destroyer USS
4 Spruance (DDG 111).

5 *Whereas, Commander Douglas A. Robb, United States*
6 *Navy, was born and raised in West Lafayette, where he lettered*
7 *in baseball, captained the debate team to two national*
8 *tournaments, and graduated from West Lafayette Senior High*
9 *School in 2001;*

10 *Whereas, Commander Robb graduated from the United*
11 *States Naval Academy with distinction in 2005 and earned the*
12 *American Legion Prize for the highest academic standing*
13 *among all political science majors;*

14 *Whereas, Commander Robb earned a master's degree in*
15 *national security studies, with honors, from Georgetown*
16 *University's Walsh School of Foreign Service and a master's in*
17 *national security and strategic studies, with distinction, from*
18 *the United States Naval War College in 2012, earning the War*
19 *College President's Honor Graduate Award;*

20 *Whereas, Commander Robb served in a variety of*
21 *sea-going billets, including as Communications Officer and*
22 *Navigator aboard the USS Halsey (DDG 97), Operations*
23 *Officer aboard the USS Kidd (DDG 100), and Executive Officer*
24 *aboard the USS Spruance (DDG 111), all homeported in San*
25 *Diego, California, and as Operations Officer to Commander,*
26 *Destroyer Squadron Seven, forward deployed to Singapore;*



1 *Whereas, Commander Robb served in a variety of staff*
2 *assignments ashore, including as Liaison to the United States*
3 *House of Representatives as part of the Navy's Office of*
4 *Legislative Affairs, as Surface Strike Section Head on the Navy*
5 *Staff's Surface Warfare Division, and as Speechwriter for the*
6 *Chief of Naval Operations;*

7 *Whereas, Commander Robb deployed four times aboard*
8 *naval ships to the Western Pacific, Indian Ocean, and Horn of*
9 *Africa in support of the Global War on Terrorism and other*
10 *national security objectives;*

11 *Whereas, Commander Robb received the United States*
12 *Navy League's Stephen Decatur Award for Operational*
13 *Competence, Junior Shiphandler of the Year Award, and*
14 *Indianapolis Colts Horseshoe Hero Award;*

15 *Whereas, Commander Robb served as an elected member*
16 *of the Surface Navy Association national board of directors and*
17 *co-authored Naval Officer's Guide to the Pentagon, which was*
18 *published by the United States Naval Institute Press in 2019;*

19 *Whereas, Commander Robb's ship is named for four-star*
20 *Admiral Raymond A. Spruance, of the Battle of Midway in June*
21 *1942 that turned the tide of the War in the Pacific, who*
22 *graduated from Shortridge High School in Indianapolis and*
23 *was known colloquially as the "Quiet Warrior"; and*

24 *Whereas, Commander Robb will assume command of the*
25 *USS Spruance (DDG 111) in March 2022 while the ship is*
26 *deployed to the Western Pacific with the USS Abraham Lincoln*
27 *aircraft carrier strike group, joining an unbroken chain of*
28 *commanders at sea who are granted the authority, as well as*
29 *the complete and inescapable responsibility, for the ship and its*
30 *360-person crew: Therefore,*

31 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*
32 *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives*
33 *concurring:*



1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly extends
2 its sincere appreciation to Commander Douglas A. Robb,
3 United States Navy, for his 17 years of loyal active-duty
4 service, congratulates him on his new command, and wishes
5 him fair winds and following seas.

6 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
7 to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Commander Robb and
8 his family.

