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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Judge John G. Baker upon his retirement from the Indiana Court of Appeals.

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2 Baker upon his retirement from the Indiana Court of Appeals.

3 *Whereas, After serving for 31 years as a member of the*
4 *Indiana Court of Appeals, Judge John G. Baker will retire from*
5 *the bench July 31, 2020;*

6 *Whereas, Judge Baker grew up in Aurora, Indiana, attained*
7 *the rank of Eagle Scout, and graduated from the Culver*
8 *Military Academy;*

9 *Whereas, Judge Baker received a Bachelor of Arts degree*
10 *in History from Indiana University in 1968, a Juris Doctor*
11 *degree from the Indiana University School of*
12 *Law–Bloomington in 1971, and a Master of Laws degree from*
13 *the University of Virginia in 1995;*

14 *Whereas, Judge Baker practiced law with the firm of Baker,*
15 *Barnhart, and Andrews, before serving as judge of the Monroe*
16 *County and Monroe Superior Courts for 13 1/2 years,*
17 *disposing of more than 15,000 cases as a trial court judge;*

18 *Whereas, In 1989, Judge Baker was named to the Court of*
19 *Appeals by Governor Evan Bayh, and he was retained on the*
20 *Court by election in 1992, 2002, and 2012;*

21 *Whereas, During his time on the Court of Appeals, Judge*
22 *Baker wrote more than 5,000 majority opinions for the Court,*
23 *and served as Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals from 2007*
24 *through 2010;*



1 *Whereas, Judge Baker also spent time in the classroom,*
2 *teaching for 33 years at the Indiana University–Bloomington*
3 *School of Public and Environmental Affairs, teaching a class*
4 *for foreign lawyers at the Indiana University Robert H.*
5 *McKinney School of Law for 10 years, and serving on the*
6 *faculties of the Indiana Judicial College, Indiana Continuing*
7 *Legal Education Forum, and the National Institute of Trial*
8 *Advocacy;*

9 *Whereas, Long interested in court and judicial reform and*
10 *history, Judge Baker has been a member of the Strategic*
11 *Planning Committee of the Judicial Conference of Indiana*
12 *since its inception to help improve Hoosiers' access to Indiana*
13 *courts and their quality of experience in dealing with the*
14 *courts;*

15 *Whereas, Judge Baker is a member of the American,*
16 *Indiana State, Monroe County, Boone County, and Indianapolis*
17 *Bar Associations, and served on the Indiana Judges'*
18 *Association Board of Managers from 1979 through 2011,*
19 *including as president from January 1987 through June 1989;*

20 *Whereas, Off the bench, Judge Baker served as a Captain*
21 *in the U.S. Army Reserves, serves on the Board of Trustees of*
22 *Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, and remains active*
23 *in his community, church, and the Boy Scouts of America;*

24 *Whereas, Judge Baker and his wife are the proud parents*
25 *of six children and grandparents of eleven;*

26 *Whereas, Judge Baker has served with distinction during*
27 *his more than four decade career as a member of the Indiana*
28 *Court of Appeals and the Monroe County trial courts; and*

29 *Whereas, It is fitting that the Indiana General Assembly*
30 *honors Judge Baker for his immeasurable contributions to the*
31 *Indiana Judiciary and legal community: Therefore,*



1 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*
2 *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives*
3 *concurring:*

4 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly honors
5 Judge John G. Baker upon his retirement from the Indiana
6 Court of Appeals, thanks him for his years of service and
7 immeasurable contributions to his state and country, and wishes
8 him health and happiness in his retirement.

9 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
10 to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Judge John G. Baker.

