

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

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A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring Senator Karen Tallian upon her retirement from the Indiana Senate.

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring Senator Karen
2 Tallian upon her retirement from the Indiana Senate.

3 *Whereas, Senator Karen Tallian faithfully and honorably*
4 *served the constituents of Senate District 4, encompassing all*
5 *or parts of Porter and LaPorte counties for 16 years;*

6 *Whereas, Previous to her tenure, Senator Tallian served*
7 *on a municipal level as the legal counsel to the Porter*
8 *County Planning Commission, the Board of Zoning Appeals,*
9 *and the Portage Township Trustees Office;*

10 *Whereas, During her tenure, Senator Tallian served as a*
11 *member of several committees, including the State Budget*
12 *Committee, and Senate Committees on Appropriations,*
13 *Corrections and Criminal Law, Environmental Affairs,*
14 *Pensions and Labor, Public Policy, Rules and Legislative*
15 *Procedure, Tax and Fiscal Policy, Elections, and Civil Law;*

16 *Whereas, Senator Tallian advocated for issues of great*
17 *significance, including criminal justice reform,*
18 *decriminalization of marijuana, women's reproductive rights,*
19 *civil rights, workers' rights, and children's health;*

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1 *Whereas, Senator Tallian's legislative accomplishments*
2 *include juvenile justice reform, the automatic expungement of*
3 *certain juvenile offenses, the prevention of juvenile inmates*
4 *from being housed with adult inmates, and the establishment*
5 *of a procedure to evaluate juvenile competency;*

6 *Whereas, Senator Tallian accomplished innovative*
7 *reforms to mortgage foreclosure laws and developed the*
8 *foreclosure settlement conference;*

9 *Whereas, Senator Tallian served as a leader on issues*
10 *impacting working Hoosiers and secured increases in*
11 *workers' compensation benefits and well-funded, stable*
12 *pensions, which she continued to champion for the remainder*
13 *of her tenure;*

14 *Whereas, Senator Tallian was a champion of*
15 *environmental causes, including the restoration of the*
16 *Indiana Dunes and maintaining public access to the Lake*
17 *Michigan shoreline;*

18 *Whereas, Senator Tallian was a devoted advocate for*
19 *Northwest Indiana, serving as the co-chair of the Northwest*
20 *Indiana Legislative Caucus, and assisting in the development*
21 *of the program to fund the Northwestern Indiana Regional*
22 *Development Authority and the expansion of the South Shore*
23 *Railroad;*

24 *Whereas, For her work in the Indiana State Senate,*
25 *Senator Tallian was recognized by the Crawfordsville Fire*
26 *Department, which awarded her the Academy of*
27 *International Mobile Healthcare Integration Excellence in*
28 *Emergency Medical Services Advocacy Award; the Indiana*
29 *Society of Innovators; the United Steelworkers of America*
30 *Local #104, which awarded her the Tommie Blaylock Award*
31 *for Outstanding Leadership; the American Legion, which*
32 *awarded her the Legislator of the Year award in 2017; the*



1 *Indiana Chamber of Commerce, which named her a Small*
2 *Business Champion for her legislative actions in 2013; the*
3 *American Civil Liberties Union, which awarded her the Joan*
4 *Laskowski Legislator of the Year Award in 2008 among other*
5 *significant commendations from a diverse group of*
6 *supporters;*

7 *Whereas, Outside of the Indiana State Senate, Senator*
8 *Tallian served as co-chair of the study committees on the*
9 *North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and United*
10 *States-Canada Relations and participated in the Conference*
11 *of State Governments for 15 years; and*

12 *Whereas, The work of Senator Karen Tallian in the*
13 *Indiana Senate over the past 16 legislative sessions is worthy*
14 *of honor and recognition: Therefore,*

15 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
16 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

17 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate honors Senator
18 Karen Tallian upon her retirement and thanks her for her
19 years of service to the Indiana Senate and Senate District 4.

20 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby
21 directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Senator
22 Karen Tallian.

