

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

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A SENATE RESOLUTION memorializing George "Big Mac" McGinnis.

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SENATE RESOLUTION _____

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION memorializing George "Big
2 Mac" McGinnis.

3 *Whereas, George "Big Mac" McGinnis was born in*
4 *Harpersville, Alabama, on August 12, 1950, to Willie and*
5 *Burnie McGinnis;*

6 *Whereas, McGinnis was a graduate of George Washington*
7 *High School where he led his team to a 31-0 record and an*
8 *Indiana state basketball championship in 1969;*

9 *Whereas, He set an Indiana State Tournament scoring*
10 *record by scoring 148 points in his final four games and was*
11 *named Mr. Basketball for the state of Indiana in 1969;*

12 *Whereas, McGinnis went on to play basketball for Indiana*
13 *University, where he was the first sophomore to lead the Big*
14 *Ten in scoring and rebounding;*

15 *Whereas, Deciding to better his family's financial situation,*
16 *he went to the Indiana Pacers of the American Basketball*
17 *Association (ABA), where he used his signing bonus to buy his*
18 *mother a house;*

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1 *Whereas, In his first two seasons, he led the Pacers to back-*
2 *to-back ABA championships and was named American*
3 *Basketball Association Playoffs MVP;*

4 *Whereas, In his NBA debut season with the Philadelphia*
5 *76ers, he made the All-NBA First Team and was selected for*
6 *two All-Star games out of his three seasons;*

7 *Whereas, McGinnis later played for the Denver Nuggets,*
8 *scoring a career-high 43 points in the 1978 season, before he*
9 *returned to the Indiana Pacers for his final two seasons in*
10 *1981;*

11 *Whereas, He was inducted into the Naismith Basketball*
12 *Hall of Fame in 2017 and is one of only four players whose*
13 *jersey (No. 30) is retired by the Indiana Pacers.*

14 *Whereas, McGinnis married Lynda Dotson, his high school*
15 *sweetheart, in 1976 and they were together until her passing in*
16 *2019;*

17 *Whereas, McGinnis passed away on December 14, 2023, in*
18 *Indianapolis and is survived by his sister Bonnie; and*

19 *Whereas, George McGinnis was a stellar athlete who left*
20 *an incredible legacy for Hoosiers and left a profound mark on*
21 *the game of basketball in the state of Indiana: Therefore,*

22 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
23 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

24 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate memorializes George
25 McGinnis.

26 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
27 to transmit copies of this Resolution to the family of George
28 McGinnis.

