

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

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A SENATE RESOLUTION memorializing Jeff Washburn.

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SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION memorializing Jeff Washburn.

2 *Whereas, Jeffrey Lynn "Wash" Washburn was born in*
3 *Lafayette, Indiana on September 20, 1954, to LaVerna and*
4 *Paul "Sonny" Washburn, Jr., and named after Jefferson High*
5 *School to honor the long tradition of Washburn family members*
6 *who attended the storied school;*

7 *Whereas, Washburn's first exposure to basketball came at*
8 *only four months old when his parents brought him to the old*
9 *Lafayette Jeff gymnasium to watch Marion Crawley's Bronchos*
10 *play Oscar Robertson's Crispus Attucks team;*

11 *Whereas, From a very young age, Washburn knew he*
12 *wanted to be a sports writer, and realized that goal shortly*
13 *after graduating from Jefferson High School in 1972 when he*
14 *accepted a part-time writing position with the Lafayette Journal*
15 *and Courier;*

16 *Whereas, Washburn graduated from Purdue University in*
17 *1976 and chose to remain in Lafayette to become a full-time*
18 *sports writer for the Journal and Courier;*

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1 *Whereas, Washburn covered several sports, but notably*
2 *was in attendance at every Indiana high school boys' basketball*
3 *state finals from 1976 to 1994;*

4 *Whereas, Washburn received numerous awards throughout*
5 *his career, including being named the 1991 Indiana*
6 *Sportswriter of the Year, receiving the Silver Medal Award*
7 *from the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in 2011, and being*
8 *inducted into the Jefferson High School Hall of Fame and the*
9 *PONY Baseball Hall of Fame;*

10 *Whereas, In addition to his work as a dedicated journalist,*
11 *Washburn authored three books- "Tales from Indiana High*
12 *School Basketball," "Gene Keady: The Truth and Nothing But*
13 *The Truth," and "A Fantastic Ride"; and*

14 *Whereas, Washburn will be remembered for his love for his*
15 *wife Cheryl and son Jade, his commitment to Purdue University*
16 *and the greater Lafayette community, and his many*
17 *contributions to the profession of journalism: Therefore,*

18 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
19 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

20 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate memorializes the life of Jeff
21 Washburn.

22 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
23 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Mrs. Cheryl Washburn.

