

**SENATE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_**

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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring David Goggins for his years of service in the United States military and his continued contributions to society.

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring David Goggins for  
2 his years of service in the United States military and his  
3 continued contributions to society.

4 *Whereas, David Goggins was born on February 17, 1975,*  
5 *and moved to Brazil, Indiana, amidst a challenging childhood,*  
6 *and has since embodied the American dream on his journey to*  
7 *success;*

8 *Whereas, Goggins is globally recognized as an "extreme*  
9 *athlete", bestselling author, public speaker, and retired Navy*  
10 *SEAL who is the only member of the United States Armed*  
11 *Forces to complete SEAL training, Army Ranger School, and*  
12 *Air Force Tactical Air Controller training;*

13 *Whereas, At the age of 19 and after persevering through a*  
14 *learning disorder to pass the Armed Services Vocational*  
15 *Aptitude Battery test, Goggins underwent training to become a*  
16 *United States Air Force pararescueman and was removed from*  
17 *training after being diagnosed with Sickle Cell Trait, but*  
18 *continued to fight to achieve his dreams and completed United*  
19 *States Air Force Tactical Air Control Party (TACP) training,*  
20 *allowing him to serve as a TACP from 1994 until 1999;*

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1           *Whereas, After leaving the Air Force, Goggins decided to*  
2 *return to service and successfully lost 106 pounds in less than*  
3 *three months in order to qualify to train as a Navy SEAL*  
4 *through the rigorous Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL*  
5 *Training (BUD/S), where he fought through stress fractures,*  
6 *pneumonia, and a kneecap fracture before completing the*  
7 *course on his third attempt, earning his "SEAL trident" with*  
8 *BUD/S class 235 in August of 2001, which lead him to become*  
9 *a combatant swimmer with SEAL Team 5, with whom he was*  
10 *promptly mobilized to Iraq following the terror attacks of*  
11 *September 11th;*

12           *Whereas, In 2004, between deployments with the Navy*  
13 *SEALs, Goggins continued to push himself and elected to attend*  
14 *Army Ranger School, where he was selected as the*  
15 *Distinguished Honor Graduate of Class 03-04 and received the*  
16 *"Enlisted Honor Man Award" before continuing his time in the*  
17 *Navy, ultimately capping his 20-year military career as a Chief*  
18 *Petty Officer in 2015;*

19           *Whereas, Inspired by the sacrifice of his comrades who lost*  
20 *their lives in Operation Red Wings, Goggins began looking at*  
21 *ways to raise money for the Special Operations Warrior*  
22 *Foundation (SOWF), a charity that provides college*  
23 *scholarships and educational counseling to the surviving*  
24 *children of American Special Operations personnel killed in the*  
25 *line of duty, and in October 2005 discovered that running races*  
26 *was the best way to raise funds for SOWF;*

27           *Whereas, After never having attempted long-distance*  
28 *running, Goggins immediately began his journey into the sport*  
29 *by competing in the 100-mile San Diego One Day in order to*  
30 *qualify for the 2006 Badwater 135 Ultra Marathon in Death*  
31 *Valley, widely recognized in the ultra marathon world as the*  
32 *toughest race on Earth;*

33           *Whereas, Goggins has since completed over 70*  
34 *ultramarathons, was named a "Hero of Running" by Runner's*



1 *World Magazine, obtained several high-profile finishes*  
2 *including most recently finishing first place in the 2020 Across*  
3 *Florida 200 mile run, actively recruited fellow competitors into*  
4 *the Navy SEALs as part of the elite Naval Special Warfare*  
5 *Recruiting Directorate, and has raised over two million dollars*  
6 *through competitions for philanthropic causes;*

7 *Whereas, Goggins once held the Guinness world record for*  
8 *pull-ups, 4,030 pull-ups in 17 hours, justifying Outside*  
9 *Magazine naming him The Fittest "Real" Man in America;*

10 *Whereas, Goggins currently works as a seasonal*  
11 *smokejumper near British Columbia, Canada, where he is*  
12 *responsible for the hazardous and arduous swift initial attack*  
13 *on wild fires in remote areas, a role that demands excellent*  
14 *physical condition and mental alertness;*

15 *Whereas, Outside of his numerous athletic achievements,*  
16 *Goggins is a sought-after public speaker for Fortune 500*  
17 *companies, universities, and professional sports teams, has*  
18 *been featured on the world's most popular podcast, The Joe*  
19 *Rogan Experience, and is a bestselling author, with his*  
20 *inspirational memoirs, including New York Times Best Seller*  
21 *"Can't Hurt Me" and "NEVER FINISHED", leading readers to*  
22 *become the best versions of themselves; and*

23 *Whereas, Goggins exemplifies the best of what Hoosiers*  
24 *and Americans can and should strive for by overcoming*  
25 *physical and mental obstacles, creating his own worth, owning*  
26 *his failures, and striving to improve and support those around*  
27 *him: Therefore,*

28 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*  
29 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

30 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate honors David  
31 Goggins for his years of service in the United States military



1 and his positive contributions to society.

2 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed  
3 to transmit a copy of this Resolution to David Goggins.

