

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring Senator Dennis Kruse
upon his retirement from the Indiana Senate.

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_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



SENATE RESOLUTION ____

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring Senator Dennis
2 Kruse upon his retirement from the Indiana Senate.

3 *Whereas, Senator Dennis Kruse has honorably and*
4 *scrupulously served the constituents of District 14, currently*
5 *encompassing portions of DeKalb and Allen counties, and*
6 *previously including a portion of Steuben County, since being*
7 *elected to the Senate in 2004;*

8 *Whereas, Senator Kruse has been a principled leader*
9 *within the Senate, serving as Chairman of the Senate*
10 *Committee on Pensions and Labor from 2007 until 2012 and*
11 *the Senate Committee on Education and Career Development*
12 *from 2013 until 2019, and as a member of the Senate*
13 *Committees on Agriculture and Natural Resources, Agriculture*
14 *and Small Business, Economic Development and Technology,*
15 *Elections and Civil Affairs, Family and Children Services,*
16 *Governmental Affairs and Interstate Cooperation, Local*
17 *Government, Pensions and Labor, Rules and Legislative*
18 *Procedure, and Utilities;*

19 *Whereas, Senator Kruse has been a staunch advocate for*
20 *School Choice, carrying legislation to create Indiana's Choice*



1 *Scholarship voucher program, and sponsoring the Innovation*
2 *Network School Law;*

3 *Whereas, Senator Kruse has been a strong proponent of*
4 *civic engagement among young Hoosiers, authoring legislation*
5 *requiring high school students to take the U.S. citizenship test,*
6 *supporting legislation requiring a civics course for middle*
7 *school students, inclusion of the national motto in schools, and*
8 *authoring legislation requiring United States history courses to*
9 *include the structure of state and federal governments;*

10 *Whereas, A supporter of Hoosier families, Senator Kruse*
11 *passed legislation to require Indiana businesses to provide*
12 *lactation areas for female employees, sponsored a proposed*
13 *amendment to the Indiana Constitution defining marriage, and*
14 *authored bills regarding grandparent visitation rights, parental*
15 *rights and privileges, and establishing the covenant marriage;*

16 *Whereas, Senator Kruse has also been a longtime advocate*
17 *for religious freedom, authoring legislation allowing students*
18 *to receive academic credits for religious instruction, permitting*
19 *students to pray in schools, and increasing parental oversight*
20 *over school curriculum;*

21 *Whereas, Senator Kruse wrote additional legislation on a*
22 *litany of topics ranging from obstructions at railroad-highway*
23 *grade crossings, adding a second magistrate to the Allen*
24 *County Circuit Court, charity gaming, judges pensions, airport*
25 *boards, various transportation matters, and the regulation of*
26 *boxing, sparring, and unarmed combat;*

27 *Whereas, For his tireless service and dedication to the State*
28 *of Indiana, Senator Kruse has been recognized with numerous*
29 *awards, including honorary degrees from Harrison College*
30 *and Ivy Tech Community College, the National Charter School*
31 *Award, being named the Most Influential in State and Local*
32 *Government by the National AfterSchool Association, and*
33 *being named Legislator of the Year by the Indiana School*



1 *Counselor Association in 2013 and 2019, the National*
 2 *Federation of Independent Business in 2010, the Indiana*
 3 *Aviation Association in 2006, and Mothers Against Drunk*
 4 *Driving in 1996 and 2015;*

5 *Whereas, Always focused on civil service, Senator Kruse*
 6 *served as Jackson Township Trustee from 1983 to 1989, as the*
 7 *Representative representing District 51 in the Indiana House of*
 8 *Representatives from 1989 until 2004, as an Indiana*
 9 *Republican Convention delegate, and as a precinct*
 10 *committeeman for Jackson Township South in DeKalb County;*

11 *Whereas, In addition to his elected service, Senator Kruse*
 12 *has also served as a board member for Trine University,*
 13 *commissioner of the National Commission on Teaching and*
 14 *America's Future, commissioner of the United States Education*
 15 *Commission of the States, chairman of the Indiana*
 16 *Conservative Assembly, president of the Indiana Auctioneers*
 17 *Association, president of the National Auctioneers Association,*
 18 *prior owner and current president emeritus of the Reppert*
 19 *School of Auctioneering, and was inducted into the Indiana*
 20 *Auctioneers Association Hall of Fame in 2007;*

21 *Whereas, Upon retirement, Senator Kruse plans to spend*
 22 *additional time with his wife, Kay, four sons, and eleven*
 23 *grandchildren; and*

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 25 *Whereas, Senator Kruse's unique expertise, leadership, and*
 26 *integrity will be greatly missed within the Indiana Senate and*
 27 *throughout the Statehouse: 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 Senator
 31 Dennis Kruse upon his retirement and thanks him for his many
 32 years of service to the Indiana Senate.



1 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
2 to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Senator Dennis Kruse
3 and his wife, Kay.

