

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring Senator Thomas J. Wyss upon his retirement from the Indiana State Senate.

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SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring Senator Thomas J.
2 Wyss upon his retirement from the Indiana State Senate.

3 *Whereas, Senator Tom Wyss has served his district in the*
4 *Indiana State Senate for almost 30 years, during which he*
5 *chaired the Senate Committee on Homeland Security,*
6 *Transportation, and Veterans Affairs and has been a member*
7 *of the Senate Committees on Appropriations, Local*
8 *Government, and Rules and Legislative Procedure;*

9 *Whereas, Prior to his election in 1985, Senator Wyss had*
10 *already been serving his state and nation through the Indiana*
11 *Air National Guard since 1966, and retired as a lieutenant*
12 *colonel in 1997;*

13 *Whereas, His experience in the military contributed greatly*
14 *to his time in the Senate, where he created the Indiana*
15 *Commission on Military and Veterans Affairs, authored a law*
16 *that makes it easier for service members to apply their military*
17 *skills to an Emergency Medical Services license, and in 2007,*
18 *he authored Indiana's most comprehensive military veterans'*
19 *benefits legislation;*



1 *Whereas, Senator Wyss has also spearheaded key proposals*
2 *to protect Hoosiers, such as authoring legislation to require*
3 *everyone to wear a seat belt, to prohibit the dangerous practice*
4 *of texting while driving, and after an 11-year battle, to lower*
5 *the legal limit of the state’s drunk driving law to 0.08;*

6 *Whereas, For his efforts in the Senate, Senator Wyss has*
7 *been continually recognized, including with the 2013 Charles*
8 *Dick award for his contributions to Hoosier veterans, the*
9 *Indiana Disabled American Veterans named Senator Wyss the*
10 *“Legislator of the Year” in June 2013, and the Indiana*
11 *American Legion presented Senator Wyss with the*
12 *Distinguished Public Service Award in July 2013;*

13 *Whereas, Senator Wyss has also been heavily involved in*
14 *his community as a board member of the Hoosier Burn Camp*
15 *and the Northeast Indiana Burn Foundation, as a board*
16 *member of the Fort Wayne Medical Education Advisory, and he*
17 *is a founding member of the Fort Wayne Crime Stoppers*
18 *Advisory Board;*

19 *Whereas, Senator Wyss is retired from General Electric*
20 *Systems and is a Purdue University graduate;*

21 *Whereas, Senator Wyss and his late-wife Shirley have two*
22 *daughters and five grandchildren; and*

23 *Whereas, Senator Wyss’ expertise, passion, and spirit will*
24 *be greatly missed in the Indiana State Senate and throughout*
25 *the Statehouse: Therefore,*

26 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
27 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

28 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate honors Senator Wyss upon
29 his retirement and sincerely thanks him for his years of service to the
30 Indiana State Senate.



1 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
2 transmit copies of this Resolution to Senator Thomas P. Wyss and his
3 family.

