

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. 563

Recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Hulman Center.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 13 (legislative day, FEBRUARY 12), 2024

Mr. BRAUN (for himself and Mr. YOUNG) submitted the following resolution;
which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Hulman Center.

Whereas the Hulman Center was funded by donation and bond issues after an initial \$2,500,000 gift from the philanthropist Tony Hulman, the patriarch of the Hulman family;

Whereas construction started on the Hulman Center, initially named the Hulman Civic University Center, in Terre Haute, Indiana on December 14, 1971;

Whereas the Hulman Center can hold up to 10,000 people;

Whereas, on December 14, 1973, the facility opened and held its first game, a men's basketball game between the Indiana State Sycamores and the Purdue Boilermakers;

Whereas the Hulman Center is home to the Indiana State Sycamores basketball teams;

Whereas the Indiana State Sycamores men's basketball team's first season was in 1896, making it one of the oldest basketball teams in the NCAA, along with Bucknell University, the University of Minnesota, the University of Washington, and Yale University;

Whereas the Hulman Center has served as the site of several NCAA championship events, including the 1974 Midwest Region of the NCAA Tournament;

Whereas the Hulman Center was the site of the 1975 NCAA Gymnastics National Championship;

Whereas the Hulman Center was home to Indiana State men's basketball team's most memorable season, 1978–1979, when most of the games were standing-room-only;

Whereas, during the 1978–1979 season, National Player of the Year Larry Bird led an undefeated team to its first-ever NCAA Division I Tournament, as well as the Associated Press and United Press International titles;

Whereas the Hulman Center is the site of the 1979 Missouri Valley Conference men's basketball tournament title game;

Whereas the Indiana State Sycamores men's basketball team was runner-up in the 1979 NCAA National Championship and was nationally recognized as the best team in the country, including by the Associated Press;

Whereas, in its first 5 years, the Hulman Center hosted 95 concerts;

Whereas, over the years, the Hulman Center has hosted many concerts, including performances by Elvis Presley, Van Halen, Frank Sinatra, Johnny Carson, Kiss, John Denver, Bob Dylan, Aerosmith, Earth Wind and Fire,

Willy Nelson, Styx, John Mellencamp, Sheryl Crow, and many memorable musical acts; and

Whereas, from 2018 to 2020, Indiana State University underwent a renovation of the Hulman Center: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) recognizes that the Hulman Center has
3 played a significant role in the history of the city of
4 Terre Haute, Indiana State University, and the
5 State of Indiana;

6 (2) recognizes that the Hulman Center con-
7 tinues to be an important and valuable gathering
8 space to its visitors and Hoosiers; and

9 (3) recognizes the 50th anniversary of the open-
10 ing of the Hulman Center.

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