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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Don Fischer.

2 *Whereas, Known as the "Voice of the Hoosiers", Don Fischer*
3 *has been the play-by-play voice of Indiana University men's*
4 *basketball and football since 1973, when he was 26 years old;*

5 *Whereas, During that time, he's called more than 2,000*
6 *games, five NCAA basketball Final Fours, four NCAA*
7 *basketball championship games, two NIT championship games,*
8 *and 12 bowl contests, serving as the voice that IU fans trust for*
9 *over 50 years;*

10 *Whereas, Don Fischer is one of the most respected and highly*
11 *decorated play-by-play announcers in all of college sports.*
12 *During his years of work in Indiana, Fischer has been named*
13 *the state's Sportscaster of the Year 32 times by two different*
14 *organizations. The National Sports Media Association has*
15 *honored him 28 times while the Indiana Sportswriters and*
16 *Sportscasters Association has named him their honoree four*
17 *times, and in 2022, he was awarded the prestigious National*
18 *Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame's Chris*
19 *Schenkel Award. He was inducted into the Indiana*
20 *Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association Hall of Fame in*
21 *2004 and, in 2010, was voted into the Indiana Broadcasters*
22 *Association Hall of Fame;*

23 *Whereas, Don Fischer was also awarded the Indiana*
24 *University Bicentennial Award in 2019 in recognition of his*
25 *enormous contributions to Indiana University and IU Athletics,*
26 *and he was honored by Indiana University with the J.W. Bill*
27 *Orwig Medal, which goes to non-alumni for distinguished*



1 *service to the university;*

2 *Whereas, Don Fischer got his start as an announcer at*
 3 *WBOW in Terre Haute, Indiana, becoming the station's sports*
 4 *director and calling as many as 175 high school and college*
 5 *games per year from 1970 to 1973;*

6 *Whereas, Along with being the iconic broadcaster for Indiana*
 7 *University teams, Don Fischer worked for ABC Radio,*
 8 *Canada's CBC, and several other major market radio stations,*
 9 *including WIRE in Indianapolis, where he covered the*
 10 *Indianapolis 500. During those 14 years, he also served as*
 11 *sports director for Indianapolis radio station WIRE and*
 12 *Network Indiana, a statewide news network;*

13 *Whereas, As an independent contractor, Fischer served as the*
 14 *Indianapolis Colts' preseason television anchor for 23 years,*
 15 *from 1995-2017. In addition, the City of Indianapolis and the*
 16 *State of Indiana have each honored him with a special*
 17 *"Recognition Day" for his service and broadcasting skills;*

18 *Whereas, Don Fischer was the voice behind both the 1976*
 19 *Hoosiers undefeated basketball season and the 2026 Hoosiers*
 20 *undefeated football season; and*

21 *Whereas, For over 53 years, Don Fischer's voice has been*
 22 *synonymous with Indiana athletics, making radio listeners feel*
 23 *as though they are actually at the games: Therefore,*

24 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives*
 25 *of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,*
 26 *the Senate concurring:*

27 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly honors Don
 28 Fischer and congratulates him on 53 years as the Indiana
 29 University men's basketball and football play-by-play
 30 broadcaster.

31 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
 32 Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to State
 33 Representative Peggy Mayfield for distribution.

