

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

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A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring Senator Kyle Walker upon his retirement from the Indiana Senate.

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SENATE RESOLUTION _____

MR. PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring Senator Kyle Walker
2 upon his retirement from the Indiana Senate.

3 *Whereas, Senator Kyle Walker has faithfully and honorably*
4 *served the constituents of Senate District 31, encompassing*
5 *portions of Hamilton and Marion counties, since he was*
6 *caucused in to fill out the remainder of a term in 2020;*

7 *Whereas, During his tenure, Senator Walker has served as*
8 *ranking member of the Senate Committees on Insurance and*
9 *Financial Institutions and Public Policy, and as a member of*
10 *the Senate Committees on Tax and Fiscal Policy, Corrections*
11 *and Criminal Code, and Education;*

12 *Whereas, Some measures that Senator Walker is most*
13 *proud of are the change in the state's local income tax*
14 *distribution formula to ensure the City of Fishers receives a*
15 *more equitable share of local income tax revenue, securing*
16 *funding for the Internet of Things Lab, and the creation of a*
17 *professional sports development area for Fishers;*

18 *Whereas, Senator Walker also authored the Sports and*
19 *Tourism Bid Fund to help communities across Indiana access*

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1 *resources to host major events to stimulate local economic*
2 *growth;*

3 *Whereas, In efforts to crack down on gun violence and*
4 *make Hoosier communities safer, Senator Walker led efforts to*
5 *create the Indiana Crime Guns Task Force to trace and share*
6 *information on firearms used in violent crime, as well as*
7 *increase law enforcement agency communication, improve*
8 *dispatch systems and public safety response times, and enhance*
9 *the penalties for swatting;*

10 *Whereas, One of his major focuses has been foster youth,*
11 *exemplified with the passage of Senate Enrolled Act 246 in*
12 *2022 and his work on Senate Bill 15 this session;*

13 *Whereas, Public policy on gaming and alcohol has been*
14 *another focus of his, including authoring Senate Enrolled Act*
15 *209 in 2025, which authorized electronic pull tabs, and*
16 *sponsoring House Enrolled Act 1086 in 2024, which allowed*
17 *for happy hours and carry-out alcoholic beverages;*

18 *Whereas, Outside of being a legislator, Senator Walker has*
19 *given to his community in numerous forms of public service,*
20 *including on the Lawrence Common Council, the Fort Harrison*
21 *Reuse Authority, Central Indiana Police Foundation, Amos*
22 *Butler Audubon Society, Fifty Club of Fishers, Mud Creek*
23 *Conservancy, and Sons of the American Legion Post 391;*

24 *Whereas, Senator Walker resides in Lawrence with his wife,*
25 *Jennifer, is the proud father of two sons, Chase and Cameron,*
26 *and is a proud graduate of Lawrence North High School and*
27 *Indiana Wesleyan University;*

28 *Whereas, Senator Walker is often called the "Rick Mears"*
29 *of the Indiana State Senate;*

30 *Whereas, Senator Walker has chosen to retire from the*
31 *Indiana State Senate to pursue his dream of winning his first*



1 *Indianapolis 500 race; and*

2 *Whereas, Senator Walker is a valued member of the*
3 *Indiana Senate extended family and his passion, dedication,*
4 *and devotion will be greatly missed: Therefore,*

5 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
6 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

7 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate honors Senator Kyle
8 Walker upon his retirement, thanks him for his faithful service
9 to the Indiana Senate and the people of Senate District 31, and
10 wishes him and his family all the best.

11 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
12 to transmit copies of this Resolution to Senator Kyle Walker
13 and his family.

