

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

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A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring Senator J.D. Ford upon his retirement.

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SENATE RESOLUTION _____

MR. PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring Senator J.D. Ford
2 upon his retirement.

3 *Whereas, Senator J.D. Ford came from humble beginnings,*
4 *graduating as a first-generation college student, earning a*
5 *Bachelor of Science in Political Science and Criminal Justice*
6 *from the University of Akron and a Master of Science in*
7 *Education with a focus on Human Services from Purdue*
8 *University;*

9 *Whereas, Senator J.D. Ford has worked in higher*
10 *education and the nonprofit sector, where he has held executive*
11 *leadership roles dedicated to strengthening communities across*
12 *Central Indiana;*

13 *Whereas, Since 2018, Senator J.D. Ford has proudly served*
14 *District 29, which includes parts of Boone, Hamilton, and*
15 *Marion counties;*

16 *Whereas, Senator J.D. Ford made Indiana history when*
17 *elected, becoming the first and only out member of the*
18 *LGBTQ+ community to serve in the Indiana General Assembly;*



1 *Whereas, Throughout Senator J.D. Ford's tenure, he has*
2 *served as Ranking Minority Member on the Senate Committees*
3 *on Elections and Education and Career Development and as a*
4 *valued member of the Senate Committees on Family and*
5 *Children Services, Ethics, Health and Provider Services,*
6 *Veterans Affairs and The Military, Commerce and Technology,*
7 *Homeland Security and Transportation, and Utilities;"*

8 *Whereas, Senator J.D. Ford has worked tirelessly to meet*
9 *the needs of his constituents, including authoring legislation to*
10 *assist homeless youth, protect election integrity, and increase*
11 *transparency for Alzheimer's and dementia care;*

12 *Whereas, Outside legislative work, Senator J.D. Ford is*
13 *actively involved in the community he serves, attending local*
14 *graduation events, recognizing his constituents publicly, and*
15 *working in various capacities in his community; and*

16 *Whereas, Senator J.D. Ford has been acknowledged as the*
17 *2023 Stonewall Champion, the 2022 Friend of Public*
18 *Education by the Indiana State Teachers Association and, the*
19 *2020 Advocate of School Social Work by the Indiana School*
20 *Social Work Association, and received the Legislative Award*
21 *from the Indiana Friends Committee: Therefore,*

22 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
23 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

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25 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate honors Senator J.D.
26 Ford for his dedication and service.

27 SECTION 2. That the Secretary of the Senate is directed to
28 transmit copies of this Resolution to Senator J.D. Ford.

