

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring Coach James Blackmon,
Sr. upon his retirement.

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_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



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MR. PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring Coach James
2 Blackmon, Sr. upon his retirement.

3 *Whereas, James Blackmon, Sr. is the second all-time*
4 *leading boys basketball scorer for Marion High School and one*
5 *of the top scorers in Indiana history, with 1,897 points,*
6 *averaging 32.6 points per game as a Senior;*

7 *Whereas, Blackmon was a 1983 Indiana All-Star, 1983*
8 *McDonald's All-American, Parade All-American, and USA*
9 *Today All-American, and his jersey number, 24, is retired at*
10 *Marion High School in his honor, and in 2023 he became a*
11 *member of the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame;*

12 *Whereas, After high school, Blackmon went to the*
13 *University of Kentucky from 1983 to 1987, and earned such*
14 *accolades as being named captain and outstanding Senior;*

15 *Whereas, After becoming a member of the 2008 Indiana*
16 *Basketball Hall of Fame Silver Anniversary team, Blackmon*
17 *went on to coach the Fort Wayne Bishop Luers High School*
18 *boys basketball team, leading them to state championships in*
19 *2008 and 2009;*



1 *Whereas, Blackmon returned to his alma mater in 2013 and*
2 *is finishing up his 13th year at the helm of the Marion Giants*
3 *basketball team, the longest consecutive tenure of any Marion*
4 *Giants basketball coach, and boasts the second-winningest*
5 *coaching record, only behind legendary Coach Bill Green;*

6 *Whereas, Blackmon led the Giants to a Class 3A state*
7 *championship title in 2016, and also led the team to five*
8 *sectional championships, two regional championships, and one*
9 *semi-state championship;*

10 *Whereas, The Marion Community Schools Board of School*
11 *Trustees voted on February 10, 2026, to rename the playing*
12 *floor at the Bill Green Athletic Arena the "James Blackmon Sr.*
13 *Court"; and*

14 *Whereas, At the conclusion of the 2025-2026 season,*
15 *Coach Blackmon will have a legacy that will be difficult to*
16 *replace: Therefore,*

17 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
18 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

19 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate honors Coach James
20 Blackmon, Sr. upon his retirement, and congratulates him for
21 his Giant achievements and extraordinary service to Marion
22 High School and Indiana basketball.

23 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
24 to transmit copies of this Resolution to James Blackmon, Sr.
25 and Marion High School.

