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RESOLUTION No. _____**

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION remembering Dr.
Walter "Jerry" Watkins.

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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION remembering Dr.
2 Walter "Jerry" Watkins.

3 *Whereas, Dr. Walter J. Watkins passed away on Monday,*
4 *December 30, 2019, after serving the School City of Hammond*
5 *district for 42 years;*

6 *Whereas, Dr. Watkins began his career in Hammond schools*
7 *as an educator at Eggers Middle School teaching English and*
8 *reading before serving as assistant principal and then*
9 *principal;*

10 *Whereas, Dr. Watkins brought his experience and leadership*
11 *to a secondary director role for the district before rising to the*
12 *position of superintendent where he served for more than 16*
13 *years;*

14 *Whereas, The School City of Hammond district is Northwest*
15 *Indiana's largest school district with an estimated enrollment*
16 *of 13,100 students;*

17 *Whereas, Dr. Watkins retired in June 2019 after helping*
18 *secure much needed funding in a 2017 referendum to build a*
19 *new school near the aging Hammond High School; and*

20 *Whereas, Dr. Watkins was the first African-American*
21 *superintendent in his school district, and served as a champion*
22 *of diversity and inclusion in his community: Therefore,*



1 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives*
2 *of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,*
3 *the Senate concurring:*

4 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly remembers
5 Dr. Walter "Jerry" Watkins as a role model for students and
6 fellow leaders in his community and the state of Indiana;

7 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
8 Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to the
9 office of State Representative Carolyn Jackson for distribution.

