

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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BECKER, TOMES

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2 Robert J. Tornatta upon his retirement as Judge of the
3 Vanderburgh Superior Court.

4 *Whereas, After serving 22 years as Judge of the*
5 *Vanderburgh Superior Court, Judge Robert J. Tornatta will*
6 *retire April 3, 2020;*

7 *Whereas, Judge Tornatta received his undergraduate*
8 *degree from Indiana University in 1982 before graduating in*
9 *1985 with honors from the Indiana University School of*
10 *Law–Bloomington;*

11 *Whereas, After law school, Judge Tornatta started his legal*
12 *career as a law clerk for Judge Gene Brooks of the United*
13 *States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana;*

14 *Whereas, Following his federal court clerkship in 1988,*
15 *Judge Tornatta went into private practice with the Trimble &*
16 *Jewel law firm, before partnering with former Congressman*
17 *Philip H. Hayes' law practice in 1990;*

18 *Whereas, In 1991, Judge Tornatta was appointed*
19 *Administrator of the Vanderburgh Superior Court, a position*
20 *which prepared him for a future judicial career;*

21 *Whereas, Judge Tornatta served as Court Administrator*
22 *until 1995, when the Vanderburgh Superior Court Judges*
23 *appointed him as a magistrate;*



1 *Whereas, Judge Tornatta was appointed by Governor*
2 *Frank O'Bannon on December 11, 1997, to become Judge of*
3 *the Vanderburgh Superior Court;*

4 *Whereas, During his judicial service, Judge Tornatta has*
5 *supervised the Court's Drug and Alcohol Deferral Service,*
6 *Misdemeanor Court, and Small Claims Division;*

7 *Whereas, Judge Tornatta is a graduate of the Indiana*
8 *Judicial College, and has served as a member of the Judicial*
9 *Administration and Alcohol and Drug Program Advisory*
10 *Committees of the Judicial Conference of Indiana;*

11 *Whereas, Judge Tornatta is an active member of the*
12 *Evansville Bar Association, serving on its Continuing Legal*
13 *Education Committee, and twice received the Doran Perdue*
14 *Service Award for his contributions to the Association;*

15 *Whereas, Judge Tornatta is married to his wife of 34 years,*
16 *Sharon, whom with he raised three children, Scott, Molly, and*
17 *Katie, and Judge Tornatta is a proud grandfather; and*

18 *Whereas, Upon his retirement, Judge Tornatta plans to*
19 *spend more time with his family and to serve as a Senior Judge;*
20 *and*

21 *Whereas, Judge Tornatta's years of service on the*
22 *Vanderburgh County bench have left an immeasurable impact:*
23 *Therefore,*

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

27 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly
28 recognizes Judge Robert J. Tornatta upon his retirement as
29 Judge of the Vanderburgh Superior Court.

30 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
31 to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Judge Robert J.
32 Tornatta.

