

**SENATE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_**

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A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring Maureen "Mo" Merhoff on her retirement.

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1       A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring Maureen "Mo"  
2 Merhoff on her retirement.

3       *Whereas, Mo Merhoff, President of OneZone, announced*  
4 *her retirement on March 20, 2020;*

5       *Whereas, In 2000, Merhoff began her leadership of the*  
6 *Carmel Chamber, a position she held for fourteen years, where*  
7 *she prioritized the development of programs for future leaders*  
8 *and young professionals, created collaborative initiatives, and*  
9 *defined the Chamber as a center for networking, information,*  
10 *and education for businesses, entrepreneurs, and non-profits;*

11       *Whereas, In 2015, Merhoff guided the successful merging*  
12 *of the Fishers and Carmel Chambers of Commerce to create*  
13 *OneZone and served as its President until her retirement;*

14       *Whereas, The creation of OneZone solidified the reputation*  
15 *of Carmel and Fishers as nationally recognized economic*  
16 *powerhouses, vibrant communities, and wonderful places to*  
17 *live;*

18       *Whereas, OneZone has been incredibly successful under*

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1 *Merhoff's leadership, through their work of advocating for*  
2 *businesses, hosting events, and being a resource for all,*  
3 *OneZone was recognized as the Indiana Chamber Executives*  
4 *Association's Chamber of the Year in its first year, and*  
5 *currently has 1,300 members;*

6 *Whereas, Throughout her twenty years of service to the*  
7 *Carmel and Fishers business community, Merhoff has played*  
8 *a key role in the success, maintenance, and growth of the*  
9 *business community and chambers;*

10 *Whereas, Merhoff received both her undergraduate and*  
11 *master's degree from Purdue University;*

12 *Whereas, Merhoff spent fourteen years with the United*  
13 *States Rowing Association, served as the Executive Director of*  
14 *the 1994 World Rowing Championships in Indianapolis, and*  
15 *was a member of the International Rowing Federation*  
16 *Marketing and Media Commission for ten years, where she*  
17 *received the FISA medal of Honor in 1994;*

18 *Whereas, Merhoff served as an Olympic Press Officer at*  
19 *three Olympic Games and ten World Rowing Championships;*

20 *Whereas, Merhoff's dedication to the Carmel and greater*  
21 *Indiana community is clearly demonstrated in her past*  
22 *membership of the Purdue President's Council Advisory Board,*  
23 *the Greater Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce Education and*  
24 *Business Action Committees, United Way of Central Indiana*  
25 *Board, Carmel Clay Library Foundation Board, Butler*  
26 *University Business Advisory Board, and the Carmel Symphony*  
27 *Orchestra Marketing Committee, as well as her roles as former*  
28 *board chair of the Indiana Chamber Executives Association*  
29 *and Chair for the United Way of Hamilton County;*

30 *Whereas, Merhoff's dedication continues with her*  
31 *memberships on the boards of Indiana Soccer and St. Vincent*  
32 *(Hamilton County) and as a founding member of Women for*



1 *Purdue; and*

2 *Whereas, After a successful career, Merhoff is looking*  
3 *forward to enjoying her retirement with her husband, dogs, and*  
4 *horse, as well as traveling and organizing board planning*  
5 *sessions for not-for-profit organizations: Therefore,*

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

8 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate honors Maureen  
9 "Mo" Merhoff upon her retirement as the President of OneZone.

10 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed  
11 to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Mo Merhoff.

