

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

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A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring the career accomplishments of Max Schumacher.

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SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring the career
2 accomplishments of Max Schumacher.

3 *Whereas, Max Schumacher's career with the Indianapolis*
4 *Indians Minor League Baseball team has spanned a duration*
5 *of over 60 years, during which time he led the Indians to be*
6 *widely recognized as one of the most successful and respected*
7 *baseball franchises in America;*

8 *Whereas, Mr. Schumacher has been a baseball fan his*
9 *entire life. Born in Indianapolis during the Great Depression,*
10 *he grew up with a love of the game instilled in him by his*
11 *father, who was a member of the Indianapolis Symphony*
12 *Orchestra and a fan of the game;*

13 *Whereas, Mr. Schumacher played four years of varsity*
14 *baseball while also serving as editor of the Collegian*
15 *publication at Butler University from 1950 to 1954;*

16 *Whereas, Mr. Schumacher entered the army after*
17 *graduating from college in 1954, and while he was in service,*
18 *he discovered there was a job opening with the Indianapolis*
19 *Indians;*



1 *Whereas, While reading the Indianapolis Star in October*
2 *1956, Mr. Schumacher noticed a one-paragraph story about the*
3 *ticket manager leaving the Indianapolis Indians. Shortly*
4 *thereafter, through his own proactive determination, Mr.*
5 *Schumacher landed the job as the Indians' ticket manager and*
6 *began what would become a meaningful lifelong career with*
7 *the Indianapolis Indians;*

8 *Whereas, Mr. Schumacher assumed the duties of publicity*
9 *director in 1959 and took over as general manager just two*
10 *years later in 1961, serving under then-president Owen J.*
11 *Bush;*

12 *Whereas, Following Mr. Bush's retirement in 1969, Mr.*
13 *Schumacher was named President of the Indianapolis Indians;*

14 *Whereas, During his tenure as the Indians' general*
15 *manager, Mr. Schumacher was named the American*
16 *Association's Executive of the Year for 1996, and just one year*
17 *later was voted Minor League Baseball's "King of Baseball" for*
18 *his long-term dedication and service to the game;*

19 *Whereas, After 60 seasons with the club, Mr. Schumacher*
20 *transitioned to chairman emeritus in November 2016. In his*
21 *new role, he will maintain his position on the finance*
22 *committee, host his suite on game days, and provide mentorship*
23 *for Indians leadership;*

24 *Whereas, Under Schumacher's more than half a century of*
25 *leadership, the Indians have enjoyed recognition for their*
26 *ongoing commitment to excellence. The team has been*
27 *recognized with awards such as the Triple-A Bob Freitas*
28 *Award in 1996 and 2014, Baseball America's Triple-A Team of*
29 *the Decade for the 1990s, and "At the Yard" magazine's Minor*
30 *League Baseball Team of the Year in 2005;*

31 *Whereas, Mr. Schumacher spearheaded a drive in the mid-*



1 *1990s to plan, finance, and build a new downtown ballpark*
2 *which opened on July 11, 1996. The 14,200-seat Victory Field*
3 *has won designation as "Best Minor League Ballpark" in*
4 *America;*

5 *Whereas, The Indians led all of Minor League Baseball in*
6 *attendance during the 2016 season, one of many records set in*
7 *the 20-year-old Victory Field;*

8 *Whereas, Mr. Schumacher has bene inducted into the*
9 *Butler Athletics Hall of Fame and the Indiana Baseball Hall of*
10 *Fame and has been named an "Indiana Living Legend" by the*
11 *Indiana Historical Society;*

12 *Whereas, Along with his professional success, Mr.*
13 *Schumacher has also been recognized for his impact to the*
14 *Indianapolis area after formerly serving as President of the*
15 *Indianapolis Downtown Kiwanis Club, the American Business*
16 *Club and the Boys & Girls Club of Indianapolis;*

17 *Whereas, Mr. Schumacher was honored for his numerous*
18 *contributions with the Thomas W. Moses Good Scout Award in*
19 *April of 2006 for his dedication to community service, social*
20 *responsibility and having a true "scout spirit";*

21 *Whereas, Mr. Schumacher exemplifies Hoosier integrity*
22 *and work ethic, having climbed the ranks from ticket manager*
23 *to President of the Indianapolis Indians through hard work and*
24 *dedication;*

25 *Whereas, Mr. Schumacher has made immeasurable*
26 *contributions to the Indianapolis Indians and the Indianapolis*
27 *community at large; and*

28 *Whereas, It is fitting that the Indiana Senate honors Max*
29 *Schumacher for his career accomplishments, thanks him for his*
30 *steadfast dedication to the Indianapolis Indians and the*



1 *Indianapolis community at large, and wishes him health and*
2 *happiness in the years to come: Therefore,*

3 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
4 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

5 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate honors Max
6 Schumacher for his career accomplishments, thanks him for his
7 steadfast dedication to the Indianapolis Indians and the
8 Indianapolis community at large, and wishes him health and
9 happiness in the years to come.

10 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
11 to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Max Schumacher and
12 his family.

