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**HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring President Gerald I.
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Whereas, Gerald I. Lamkin will step down as President of Ivy Tech Community College on June 30, 2007;

Whereas, President Lamkin has guided Ivy Tech Community College from a vocational school to Indiana's community college, serving over 100,000 students annually and offering more than 150 degree programs;

Whereas, President Lamkin took over the reins of Ivy Tech Community College on January 1, 1983, making him the longest standing current president of a public institution of higher education in Indiana;

Whereas, President Lamkin has been a member of the Ivy Tech staff in various capacities since 1967, when he began as an accounting and management instructor for the Indianapolis campus;

Whereas, For the next five years, President Lamkin served as the Accounting and Management Chair, Director of Education, Business Manager, and Director of Community Services for the Indianapolis campus and as Director of Development for the Anderson, Marion, and Muncie campuses;

Whereas, In 1972, President Lamkin was named Vice President of the college and Dean for the Anderson,



Connersville, Marion, Muncie, and Richmond campuses, a position he held for seven years;

Whereas, In 1979, President Lamkin was named Vice President for Regional Operations, a position he held until being named President in 1983;

Whereas, Under President Lamkin's leadership , Ivy Tech has seen its enrollment increase by over 300% to nearly 106,000 students annually, making Ivy Tech the second largest postsecondary institution in Indiana;

Whereas, President Lamkin has seen the contributions to the Ivy Tech Foundation increase from just over \$350,000 to over \$13.5 million and the total net assets managed by the Foundation have increased from \$1.24 million to over \$46.7 million;

Whereas, As President of Ivy Tech Community College, Gerald Lamkin has always sought to provide Hoosiers access to affordable education;

Whereas, During his tenure, Ivy Tech has consistently had the state's lowest tuition, and the support for Ivy Tech in communities around Indiana has helped the college increase the number of buildings owned or leased from 153 in 1983 to 216 buildings today, an increase of over 40 percent;

Whereas, President Lamkin began his tenure at Ivy Tech when the school was named Indiana Vocational Technical College; in 1995 the school became Ivy Tech State College;

Whereas, In 2005, Governor Mitch Daniels signed Senate Bill 296, making Ivy Tech Indiana's community college and changing the name to Ivy Tech Community College;

Whereas, President Lamkin has received numerous awards and recognitions for his dedication and service to his community, including a Sagamore of the Wabash award from Governors Robert D. Orr, Evan Bayh, Frank O'Bannon, and Joseph Kernan, the Shirley B. Gordon Distinguished College Presidents' Award, and the Alumnus of the Year Award from Indiana University. In addition, President Lamkin is a



member of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society of the Two-Year College, and the Order of Kentucky Colonels; and

Whereas, President Lamkin stands as a shining example of a man whose devotion to education and young people has helped more than 750,000 Hoosiers gain access to higher education since 1983: Therefore,

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

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly thanks Gerald I.
- 2 Lamkin for his dedication and devotion to higher education and the
- 3 citizens of Indiana and wishes him happiness and prosperity in the
- 4 future.
- 5 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 6 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to President Gerald
- 7 I. Lamkin and his family.

