

**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION to honor Representative William "Bill" Crawford on his retirement from the Indiana House of Representatives.

Whereas, Representative Bill Crawford has represented his constituents, the citizens of House District 98, at the Statehouse for forty years, and is proud to be the longest-serving African-American state legislator in the country, and the Dean of the Indianapolis Delegation;

Whereas, Since his election to the Indiana House of Representatives in November 1972, Representative Crawford has consistently dedicated himself to two projects at the Statehouse, the crafting of the state budget every biennium as a member of the House Committee on Ways and Means, and his ongoing fight for equality and opportunity for the neglected and disadvantaged, sometimes achieving both ends with the same means, as exemplified by his early success in inserting a line-item into the budget to provide restitution to wrongfully-imprisoned Indianapolis man, and more recently in providing



for a \$69-million renovation of Ivy Tech's Near Northside campus;

Whereas, Representative Crawford is a proud veteran of the United States Navy, having seen service during the Korean War;

Whereas, Representative Crawford has many times received national recognition for his work on behalf of education, poverty and the promotion of minority- and women-owned businesses, and has won the respect of all sides of the political debate locally and across the country as a true statesman; and,

Whereas, Outside of the Statehouse, Representative Crawford has dedicated himself to his neighbors and his community by holding public forums on legislative and civic issues, through his work with the Concerned Clergy of Indianapolis advocating on behalf of justice and equality, and through his mentorship of young children and young legislators alike: Therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives thanks Representative Bill Crawford for his dedicated and honorable service to his constituency and to the state of Indiana, and wishes him happiness and contentment in his retirement.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Representative Bill Crawford and his family.

