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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Bruce Haines upon his retirement from the Fort Wayne Public Broadcasting Service.

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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Bruce Haines
2 upon his retirement from the Fort Wayne Public Broadcasting
3 Service.

4 *Whereas, Bruce Haines has been president and general
5 manager of Fort Wayne Public Broadcasting Service (PBS)
6 since 2008, and he plans to retire this year after more than 40
7 years in public broadcasting;*

8 *Whereas, Originally from Pennsylvania, Bruce Haines
9 attended Westminster College before relocating to Indiana in
10 1977 for an opportunity in commercial radio. In 1983, he
11 became program director at Ball State University's public radio
12 station. After obtaining his MBA while at Ball State, Haines
13 moved to Fort Wayne, and he began his career as general
14 manager at Northeast Indiana Public Radio in 1987;*

15 *Whereas, After spending 21 years leading Northeast Indiana's
16 public radio organization, Bruce Haines joined PBS Fort
17 Wayne in the leadership role he's kept for the last 17 years;*

18 *Whereas, During his tenure, the station moved from analog
19 to high-definition operations, securing a \$3.1 million capital
20 campaign to upgrade all station production and operations to
21 HD and outfit a production truck for on-location field work.
22 Also, the organization increased the station's power,
23 incorporated additional personnel to bring local content to new
24 media platforms, and expanded the reach of its five broadcast
25 channels and local productions through streaming services;*

26 *Whereas, Under his leadership, PBS Fort Wayne has earned*



1 *several national awards for regional historical documentaries*
2 *and arts programming, including four Telly Awards for local*
3 *productions in 2023 and three Telly Awards in 2022;*

4 *Whereas, Bruce Haines helped guide the station through the*
5 *COVID-19 pandemic and was able to adapt to the novel*
6 *uncertainties he and his crew faced;*

7 *Whereas, PBS Fort Wayne remains the only locally owned*
8 *and operated full power TV service in the area due Bruce's*
9 *efforts; and*

10 *Whereas, Bruce Haines has spent the last 17 years growing*
11 *PBS Fort Wayne into a modern broadcasting service able to*
12 *reach new audiences, without sacrificing the community*
13 *connection so important in public broadcasting, and continuing*
14 *the mission of the network: Therefore,*

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

18 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly honors
19 Bruce Haines upon his retirement from PBS Fort Wayne.

20 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
21 Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to State
22 Representative Kyle Miller for distribution.

