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1           A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION recognizing the seven  
2 Black mayors in Indiana.

3           *Whereas, For the first time in history, the state of Indiana has*  
4 *seven Black mayors who, as contemporaries, have worked to*  
5 *establish a greater cause and purpose in municipal*  
6 *government;*

7           *Whereas, The role of a mayor is pivotal to the overall*  
8 *function of each city, as their duty is to represent the concerns*  
9 *and interests of the populace and serve as a liaison between the*  
10 *local government and the people they serve;*

11           *Whereas, Black leaders in the United States have put forth a*  
12 *lot of effort to create an environment that is progressive,*  
13 *addresses issues, and provides opportunities for success on all*  
14 *fronts;*

15           *Whereas, To fully understand the capacity of a community,*  
16 *you must be a part of one, and these mayors have showcased an*  
17 *unwavering dedication to uphold their communities by*  
18 *providing support, direction, and exposure to resources that*  
19 *are necessary to prevail;*

20           *Whereas, It is important to acknowledge all Black leaders*  
21 *who are implementors of selflessness and upholders of high*  
22 *standards and order. The courage to lead is not easy but it is an*  
23 *honorable notion to take pride in; and*

24           *Whereas, The Indiana Black Legislative Caucus shows its full*  
25 *support of the work these distinguished mayors have put forth,*



1     *and it is a privilege to honor and acknowledge their names and*  
2     *their duty to serve the citizens of Indiana to the utmost*  
3     *capacity: Therefore,*

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

7             SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes  
8     Mayor Eddie Melton of Gary, Mayor Deb Whitfield of  
9     Lawrence, Mayor Anthony Copeland of East Chicago, Mayor  
10    Angie Nelson-Deutch of Michigan City, Mayor Rod Roberson  
11    of Elkhart, Mayor Stephanie Terry of Evansville, and Mayor  
12    Ronald Morrell, Jr. of Marion.

13            SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
14    Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to State  
15    Representative Earl Harris Jr. for distribution.

