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**HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION memorializing John Jay
McNichols.

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2 McNichols.

3 *Whereas, Coach John Jay McNichols was the longest*
4 *-serving coach in the history of Indiana State University*
5 *(ISU), serving as head coach for 34 years and as director of*
6 *both the track and field and cross country programs for 28*
7 *years;*

8 *Whereas, Originally from Iowa, Coach McNichols*
9 *graduated from Edgewood High School in Ellettsville and*
10 *attended Indiana University on a track scholarship earning*
11 *bachelor's and master's degrees;*

12 *Whereas, Coach McNichols spent his entire professional*
13 *life in Indiana, beginning as a teacher and coach in the*
14 *Monroe County Community School Corporation coaching*
15 *track and field, cross country, football, and wrestling;*

16 *Whereas, In 1983, Coach McNichols began his highly*
17 *acclaimed career at Indiana State University;*

18 *Whereas, During his career at ISU, Coach McNichols*
19 *produced 38 Missouri Valley Conference Championships, 15*
20 *NCAA champions, 87 All-American athletes, and several*
21 *Olympians;*

22 *Whereas, Coach McNichols was the most honored coach in*
23 *Indiana State University history earning 28 Coach of the*
24 *Year awards, including Missouri Valley Conference Cross*



1 *Country nine times, Missouri Valley Conference Indoor*
 2 *Track and Field three times, Missouri Valley Conference*
 3 *Outdoor Track and Field 11 times, NCAA District V Outdoor*
 4 *Track and Field four times, and Great Lakes Region Cross*
 5 *Country once;*

6 *Whereas, Coach McNichols was dedicated to the Terre*
 7 *Haute community, spearheading work on the Wabashiki and*
 8 *Heritage trails and supporting Indiana State University's*
 9 *involvement in the development of the riverfront by building*
 10 *a new outdoor track facility on the eastern banks of the*
 11 *Wabash River;*

12 *Whereas, The work of Coach McNichols extended far*
 13 *beyond Terre Haute;*

14 *Whereas, His influence was felt nationally and*
 15 *internationally through his work on the NCAA Track Rules*
 16 *Committee and the 1996 Atlanta Olympics committee;*

17 *Whereas, Coach McNichols was inducted into the Indiana*
 18 *Track and Cross Country Hall of Fame and the Drake Relays*
 19 *Coaches Hall of Fame; and*

20 *Whereas, A dedicated husband, father, and grandfather,*
 21 *Coach McNichols will be missed by all who knew him or*
 22 *came in contact with him: Therefore,*

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

26 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly expresses its
 27 heartfelt sympathy to the family of Coach McNichols and recognizes
 28 the many contributions he made to his community, his state, and his
 29 country through his dedication to athletics and young people.

30 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
 31 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the family of John
 32 Jay McNichols.

