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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION acknowledging the many
2 accomplishments of Justice Robert D. Rucker on the occasion
3 of his retirement.

4 *Whereas, Justice Robert D. Rucker, the 105th justice*
5 *appointed to the Indiana Supreme Court, was appointed to the*
6 *Court in 1999 by Governor Frank O'Bannon;*

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1 *Whereas, Justice Rucker was born in 1947 in Canton,*
2 *Georgia, and grew up in Gary;*

3 *Whereas, Justice Rucker is also a Vietnam War veteran;*

4 *Whereas, Justice Rucker is a graduate of Indiana*
5 *University and Valparaiso University School of Law;*

6 *Whereas, Justice Rucker earned a Master of Laws degree*
7 *in the judicial process from the University of Virginia Law*
8 *School;*

9 *Whereas, Throughout his career, Justice Rucker has been*
10 *at the forefront in many areas, including his dedication to*
11 *increasing the diversity in the legal profession by appointing*
12 *women and lawyers of color to serve on various Supreme Court*
13 *boards and commissions and consistently hiring lawyers of*
14 *color to serve as his law clerks on the Court of Appeals and the*
15 *Supreme Court;*

16 *Whereas, Prior to his appointment to the Indiana Supreme*
17 *Court, Justice Rucker served as a judge on the Indiana Court*
18 *of Appeals, having been appointed to that position in 1991 by*
19 *Governor Evan Bayh. While on the Court of Appeals, Justice*
20 *Rucker served as vice chair of the Indiana Commission for*
21 *Continuing Legal Education;*

22 *Whereas, Justice Rucker was the first African American to*
23 *serve on the Indiana Court of Appeals;*

24 *Whereas, Justice Rucker also served on the board of*
25 *directors of the Indiana Trial Lawyers Association, on the*
26 *board of directors of the Northwest Indiana Legal Services*
27 *Organization, as a deputy prosecuting attorney for Lake*
28 *County, City Attorney for the City of Gary, and practiced law*
29 *in East Chicago;*

30 *Whereas, Active in his professional community, Justice*
31 *Rucker is a member of the American Bar Association, the*
32 *Indiana Judges Association, the Indiana State Bar Association,*
33 *the Marion County Bar Association, and the James C.*



1 *Kimbrough Bar Association, is a fellow of the Indianapolis Bar*
2 *Foundation, and served as the 2009-2010 chair of the Judicial*
3 *Council of the National Bar Association; and*

4 *Whereas, Justice Robert D. Rucker is an outstanding*
5 *Hoosier who is truly an American hero whose career stands as*
6 *a shining example of what can be accomplished through hard*
7 *work and dedication: Therefore,*

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

10 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives thanks
11 Justice Robert D. Rucker for his immeasurable contributions to his
12 state and his country and wishes him happiness and contentment in the
13 future.

14 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
15 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Justice Robert D.
16 Rucker and his family.

