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**HOUSE  
RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_**

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1           A HOUSE RESOLUTION honoring Representative Linda  
2           Lawson.

3           *Whereas, Representative Linda Lawson, who was elected to*  
4           *represent the citizens of House District 1 in 1998, will be*  
5           *leaving the House Chamber for the last time at the end of the*  
6           *2018 session;*

7           *Whereas, During her time in the House of Representatives,*  
8           *Representative Lawson has served as the chair of the House*  
9           *Judiciary Committee and as a member of the Environmental*  
10          *Affairs Committee, the Courts and Criminal Code Committee,*  
11          *the Employment Committee, the Family Affairs Committee, the*  
12          *Education Committee, and the Labor and Pensions Committee;*

13          *Whereas, Representative Lawson has represented women*

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1 *well throughout her years of service;*

2 *Whereas, Representative Lawson was the first female officer*  
3 *on the Hammond Police Department, the first female captain of*  
4 *the Department, and the first woman in Indiana to become*  
5 *House Democratic floor leader and Democratic caucus leader,*  
6 *serving during an interim period;*

7 *Whereas, Representative Lawson currently serves the House*  
8 *of Representatives as the Democratic floor leader;*

9 *Whereas, Representative Lawson has been involved in many*  
10 *pieces of landmark legislation in her career, including ones*  
11 *involving domestic violence, sexual assault, and equal rights*  
12 *for all citizens, regardless of sexual orientation;*

13 *Whereas, Representative Lawson has also been a champion*  
14 *for animal welfare, fighting tirelessly against animal cruelty in*  
15 *Indiana, and has authored crucial sex crimes and identity theft*  
16 *legislation;*

17 *Whereas, Representative Lawson has also fought for wage*  
18 *equity in our state over her 20 year period as a legislator;*

19 *Whereas, Representative Lawson served in numerous*  
20 *capacities over the 24 years she spent with the Hammond*  
21 *Police Department, working as a patrol officer and with the sex*  
22 *crimes and domestic violence divisions, where she gained a*  
23 *great deal of knowledge and experience;*

24 *Whereas, Representative Lawson also served as a member*  
25 *of the Hammond School Board for 12 years; and*

26 *Whereas, Outside of her work as a state legislator,*  
27 *Representative Lawson has served on numerous boards and in*  
28 *organizations such as Haven House (a women's shelter in Lake*  
29 *County), the Hammond Historical Society Board, the*  
30 *Robertsdale/Whiting Chamber of Commerce, the League of*  
31 *Women Voters, the Humane Society of the Calumet Area, and*  
32 *the Boys & Girls Club; Therefore,*

33 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the*



1                    *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

2                    SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives bids  
3 a fond farewell to Representative Linda Lawson. The House of  
4 Representatives has seen only good things during her tenure.  
5 Legislators and staff alike will miss her greatly. Her departure  
6 will leave a void that will never be truly filled.

7                    SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
8 Representatives transmit copies of this resolution to  
9 Representative Linda Lawson and her family.

