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1           A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Judge Martha  
2 Blood Wentworth upon her retirement from the Indiana Tax  
3 Court.

4           *Whereas, The Honorable Judge Martha Blood Wentworth*  
5 *was born and raised in Grosse Pointe, Michigan, and*  
6 *graduated with an Associate of Arts degree from Bennett*  
7 *College in Millbrook, New York, before moving to Indiana;*

8           *Whereas, Judge Wentworth settled down in Bloomington,*  
9 *where she obtained a bachelor's degree in 1971 and master's*  
10 *degree in 1977 from Indiana University, started her own*  
11 *business buying and converting homes into duplexes, and*  
12 *returned to Indiana University to attend law school, where she*  
13 *was inducted into the Order of Barristers and graduated cum*  
14 *laude in 1990;*

15           *Whereas, Following her graduation from Indiana*  
16 *University's Mauer School of Law, Judge Wentworth served for*  
17 *two years as a law clerk for Indiana Tax Court Judge Thomas*  
18 *Fisher, followed by six years as an attorney for the law office*  
19 *Hall, Render, Killian, Heath and Lyman, and twelve years*  
20 *leading Indiana Multistate Tax Services at Deloitte Tax;*

21           *Whereas, In January of 2011, Governor Mitch Daniels*  
22 *appointed Judge Wentworth to replace Judge Thomas Fisher as*  
23 *the state's second overall and first female judge on the Indiana*  
24 *Tax Court;*

25           *Whereas, Throughout her twelve years on the bench, Judge*



1 *Wentworth undertook her duties and responsibilities with rare*  
2 *passion and enthusiasm, writing 206 opinions regarding*  
3 *Indiana tax laws, including appeals of determinations made by*  
4 *the Indiana Department of Revenue and the Indiana Board of*  
5 *Tax Review, appeals from the Department of Local Government*  
6 *Finance, and appeals on inheritance tax determinations from*  
7 *courts of probate jurisdiction;*

8 *Whereas, Off the bench, Judge Wentworth is a staunch*  
9 *advocate for tax education, having written numerous articles,*  
10 *provided continuing education on tax subjects, and taught state*  
11 *and local taxation as an adjunct professor at the Kelley School*  
12 *of Business for 14 years, McKinney School of Law for three*  
13 *years, and Mauer School of Law for one year;*

14 *Whereas, Judge Wentworth is an active member of the*  
15 *American, Florida, Indiana, and Indianapolis Bar Associations,*  
16 *former Chair and continuing member of the Indiana State Bar*  
17 *Association's (ISBA) Taxation Section, member of the Indiana*  
18 *Judge's Association, and member of the Planning Committee of*  
19 *the National Conference of State Tax Judges;*

20 *Whereas, Judge Wentworth has devoted much of her time*  
21 *-serving her community as the Chair of the Indiana Pro Bono*  
22 *Commission, providing lifelong support to the Girl Scouts, and*  
23 *-serving as the leader of Deloitte's Indianapolis diversity*  
24 *program;*

25 *Whereas, Over her tenure, Judge Wentworth has been the*  
26 *recipient of a number of awards and accolades, including the*  
27 *Lawrence L. Lasser Tax Judge of the Year Award in 2017, an*  
28 *ISBA service award, having an ISBA tax scholarship named in*  
29 *her honor, and being named a Sagamore of the Wabash by*  
30 *Governor Eric Holcomb in 2023; and*

31 *Whereas, Upon her retirement, Judge Wentworth plans to*  
32 *continue serving as a senior tax court judge, spend time with*  
33 *her daughters, spoil her grandchildren, and focus on creating*  
34 *art: Therefore,*



