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1           A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION recognizing Judge  
2 Edward W. Najam, Jr., for his 30 years of service on the Indiana  
3 Court of Appeals.

4           *Whereas, Edward W. Najam, Jr., of Bloomington, Indiana,*  
5 *was appointed to the Indiana Court of Appeals by Governor*  
6 *Evan Bayh in 1992 and retained by the electorate in 1996,*  
7 *2006, and 2016;*

8           *Whereas, Judge Najam graduated from Indiana University*  
9 *High School and went on to earn a B.A. in political science*  
10 *from Indiana University-Bloomington and a J.D. from Harvard*  
11 *Law School;*

12           *Whereas, While he was a student at IU, Judge Najam was*  
13 *elected to Phi Beta Kappa, chosen as Student Body President,*  
14 *and the recipient of the Herman B Wells Senior Recognition*  
15 *Award for academic excellence and campus leadership;*

16           *Whereas, After being admitted to the Indiana Bar in 1972,*  
17 *Judge Najam served two years as Administrative Assistant to*  
18 *the Mayor of Bloomington and went on to practice law with a*  
19 *general civil and trial practice firm for 18 years;*

20           *Whereas, Judge Najam is a recognized legal scholar,*  
21 *having written over 4,000 majority opinions while on the court,*  
22 *and authoring important law review articles, including "Public*  
23 *School Finance in Indiana: A Critique", "Caught in the Middle:*  
24 *The Role of State Intermediate Appellate Courts", and "Merit*  
25 *Selection in Indiana: The Foundation for a Fair and Impartial*



1 *Appellate Judiciary";*

2 *Whereas, In his three decades on the bench, Judge Najam*  
3 *has played a crucial role in the advancement and*  
4 *modernization of the practice of law, serving 10 years on the*  
5 *Supreme Court Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure,*  
6 *chairing the committee that initiated the first comprehensive*  
7 *review of the appellate rules in 30 years, and being an original*  
8 *member of the committee that initiated the electronic case and*  
9 *financial management system for Indiana courts;*

10 *Whereas, Judge Najam has also represented the Indiana*  
11 *judiciary on the Indiana Department of Homeland Security*  
12 *Counter-Terrorism and Security Council since it was created*  
13 *following the events of September 11, 2001, and he serves on*  
14 *the Court Security Committee of the Judicial Conference of*  
15 *Indiana;*

16 *Whereas, Judge Najam has also made time to contribute*  
17 *outside the legal profession, serving as a member of the*  
18 *Sycamore Land Trust Advisory Board and the Indiana*  
19 *University Maurer School of Law Board of Visitors; and*

20 *Whereas, It is altogether fitting that the General Assembly*  
21 *recognize Judge Najam for his 30 years of exemplary service*  
22 *and to thank him for his meaningful and far-reaching*  
23 *contributions to the practice of law in the State of Indiana:*  
24 *Therefore,*

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

28 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly  
29 recognizes Edward W. Najam, Jr., and thanks him for his 30  
30 years of exemplary service on the Indiana Court of Appeals.

31 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed  
32 to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Judge Edward W.  
33 Najam, Jr.

