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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION memorializing First
2 Lady Susan Bayh.

3 *Whereas, Susan Bayh passed away on February 5, 2021, in*
4 *McLean, Virginia;*

5 *Whereas, First Lady Susan Bayh was born on November*
6 *28, 1959 in Whittier, California, to Robert (Bob) and Carol*
7 *Breshears;*

8 *Whereas, First Lady Susan Bayh grew up in La Canada,*
9 *California, where she was an honor student, class officer*
10 *throughout all four years of her attendance at La Canada High*
11 *School, an active cheerleader, and volleyball champion;*

12 *Whereas, First Lady Susan Bayh attended college at the*
13 *University of California Berkley, where she was a cheerleader,*
14 *member of Alpha Phi, Miss Southern California in 1978, and*
15 *a princess in the Rose Bowl Parade;*

16 *Whereas, After graduating from the University of*
17 *California Berkley in 1981 with a bachelor's degree in political*
18 *science, and having interned for Representative Pete Stark in*
19 *Washington, D.C., First Lady Susan Bayh went on to earn her*
20 *Juris Doctorate at the University of Southern California and*
21 *graduated in 1984;*

22 *Whereas, First Lady Susan Bayh had a successful career as*
23 *an attorney, practicing law at two of the most renowned law*



1 *firms in America: Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher in Washington,*
2 *D.C., and Barnes and Thornburg in Indianapolis;*

3 *Whereas, First Lady Susan Bayh met the love of her life,*
4 *Governor Birch Evans Bayh III, and the two married on April*
5 *13, 1985, and Governor Bayh and First Lady Susan Bayh, and*
6 *they would go on to serve two terms;*

7 *Whereas, First Lady Susan Bayh served as Indiana's*
8 *forty-sixth first lady, and was the youngest first lady in one*
9 *hundred fifty years and the only Indiana first lady in a century*
10 *to have children while her husband was in office, giving birth*
11 *to twin boys, Nicholas Harrison (Nick) and Birch Evans IV*
12 *(Beau) in 1995;*

13 *Whereas, First Lady Susan Bayh created a non-profit to*
14 *combat adult illiteracy, worked as an attorney for Eli Lilly,*
15 *where she handled the company's federal regulatory issues*
16 *from 1989 to 1994, did a weekly parenting segment for an*
17 *Indianapolis TV station, and taught at Butler University as a*
18 *distinguished visiting professor beginning in 1994;*

19 *Whereas, Beginning in 1994, First Lady Susan Bayh served*
20 *on fourteen boards for corporations ranging from*
21 *biotechnology to healthcare and telecommunications, and she*
22 *continued to be involved in higher education throughout her life*
23 *by serving on the board of trustees at Butler University, serving*
24 *on the Dean's Council at Indiana University's Paul H. O'Neill*
25 *School of Public and Environmental Affairs, and as an adjunct*
26 *Professor at her alma mater, the University of Southern*
27 *California, where she mentored students and helped law*
28 *students get public service internships;*

29 *Whereas, In 1994, First Lady Susan Bayh was appointed by*
30 *President Bill Clinton to serve as a Commissioner of the*
31 *International Joint Commission of the Water Treaty Act*
32 *between the United States and Canada, where she oversaw*
33 *compliance with environmental, water, and boundary treaties*
34 *until 2001;*



1 *Whereas, First Lady Susan Bayh brilliantly and*
2 *successfully balanced public service, being a mother, and*
3 *having an extensive career;*

4 *Whereas, Throughout her two year and eight month battle*
5 *with cancer, First Lady Susan Bayh remained a positive,*
6 *courageous, and inspirational beacon of light, always showing*
7 *her love to others; and*

8 *Whereas, First Lady Susan Bayh leaves a legacy of*
9 *generosity, love, and hope, and her passing will be deeply*
10 *mourned by all those she knew, including her husband,*
11 *Governor Bayh, her two sons Nicholas Harrison Bayh and*
12 *Birch Evans Bayh IV, her parents Robert and Carol Breshears,*
13 *her brother Robert (Bob) Jr., her sisters Ann and Linda, and*
14 *her many nieces and nephews: Therefore,*

15 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*
16 *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives*
17 *concurring:*

18 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly
19 memorializes First Lady Susan Bayh.

20 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
21 to transmit copies of this Resolution to First Lady Susan Bayh's
22 husband, Governor Bayh, and her sons, Birch Evans Bayh IV
23 and Nicholas Harrison Bayh.

