

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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2 Jr. on his induction into the 2018 Indiana Basketball Hall of
3 Fame.

4 *Whereas, Earl Smith, Jr. is a Gary native and 1952*
5 *graduate of Roosevelt High School where he was a three sport*
6 *athlete competing in basketball, football and track and field;*

7 *Whereas, While in high school, Earl was twice a state*
8 *champion in the long jump, and a three year starter for the*
9 *boys' basketball team;*

10 *Whereas, Earl would go on to run track and play football*
11 *for The University of Iowa Hawkeyes;*

12 *Whereas, In 1954, Earl was an all-Big Ten selection after*
13 *leading the Hawkeyes football team in scoring;*

14 *Whereas, After college, Earl returned to the Gary*
15 *Community School Corporation to teach and coach basketball;*

16 *Whereas, During his coaching career, Earl coached at*
17 *Froebel, Emerson and Lew Wallace High Schools in Gary;*

18 *Whereas, In 26 seasons, his teams won 323 games, three*
19 *sectional titles and three regional titles;*

20 *Whereas, In 1975, Earl took Emerson High School to the*
21 *boys' basketball semifinals game;*



1 *Whereas, In 1980, Earl began coaching at Lew Wallace*
2 *High School and won regional titles in 1983 and 1986;*

3 *Whereas, Earl's final position was Athletic Director for the*
4 *City of Gary, a position he held for 14 years;*

5 *Whereas, In 2013, after 56 years with the Gary Community*
6 *School Corporation, Earl retired;*

7 *Whereas, Earl is the brother of former State Senator,*
8 *Earline Rogers who represented the City of Gary for 34 years;*

9 *Whereas, Earl was awarded the Gary Old Timers Athletic*
10 *Association Lifetime Achievement Award in January, 2018; and*

11 *Whereas, Earl Smith, Jr. has contributed greatly to his*
12 *community and the Gary Community School Corporation for*
13 *many years, enhancing the lives of thousands of student-*
14 *athletes through his leadership and talents: 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 congratulates Earl Smith, Jr. on his induction into the 2018
20 Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame.

21 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
22 to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Earl Smith, Jr. and
23 former State Senator Earline Rogers.

