

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Bobby Cox
2 upon his retirement as Commissioner of the Indiana High
3 School Athletic Association.

4 *Whereas, After serving since 2011 as the eighth*
5 *Commissioner of the Indiana High School Athletic Association*
6 *(IHSAA), Bobby Cox will retire on August 1, 2020;*

7 *Whereas, Bobby Cox graduated from Carmel High School*
8 *in 1975, participating in cross country and track and field,*
9 *earned a bachelor's degree in physical education and health*
10 *from Butler University in 1979, and a master's degree in*
11 *secondary education from Butler University in 1987;*

12 *Whereas, Commissioner Cox started his career as a teacher*
13 *and coach at Carmel Clay Junior High School in 1979,*
14 *becoming athletics and activities director in 1990, and later the*
15 *athletic director of Carmel High School in 1997;*

16 *Whereas, In 2000, after three years as Carmel High*
17 *School's athletic director, Commissioner Cox became an*
18 *Assistant Commissioner of the IHSAA, where he administered*
19 *the sports of football, boys' golf, boys' and girls' track and field,*
20 *and wrestling;*

21 *Whereas, As Commissioner, Bobby Cox led the IHSAA to*
22 *make advances in numerous areas to strengthen the IHSAA*
23 *brand and promote the many values and benefits of*
24 *participation in education-based athletics;*



1 *Whereas, Commissioner Cox's tenure saw an expansion of*
2 *corporate partnerships and sponsorships for the IHSAA, and*
3 *Commissioner Cox pushed for strides in sportsmanship,*
4 *technology, coaches education, student-athlete health and*
5 *safety, officiating recruitment and retention, and servant*
6 *leadership;*

7 *Whereas, Commissioner Cox also led the IHSAA to form*
8 *the Champions Together initiative, a partnership with Special*
9 *Olympics Indiana which established two new state tournaments*
10 *in Unified Track and Field and Unified Flag Football, allowing*
11 *students with and without intellectual disabilities to compete*
12 *together in a team setting for their school;*

13 *Whereas, In addition to leading the IHSAA, Commissioner*
14 *Cox has served on the board of directors of the National*
15 *Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), the*
16 *IHSAA Foundation, the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame, the*
17 *Indiana Sports Corporation, the Council on Standards for*
18 *International Educational Travel, and the Center for Sports*
19 *Leadership and Innovation;*

20 *Whereas, Commissioner Cox previously served as a*
21 *member of the NFHS Football Rules Committee, serving as*
22 *Chairman of the Research Subcommittee, a member of the*
23 *NFHS Coaches' Education Committee, and an advisor to the*
24 *Commission on Sports Medicine of the Indiana State Medical*
25 *Association;*

26 *Whereas, Bobby Cox is a 2019 inductee into the Carmel*
27 *High School Alumni Hall of Fame, and is married to his wife,*
28 *Kathy; and*

29 *Whereas, Bobby Cox's countless contributions as IHSAA*
30 *Commissioner have improved Indiana high school athletics for*
31 *years to come: Therefore,*

32 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*
33 *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives*
34 *concurring:*



1 SECTION 1. The Indiana General Assembly honors Bobby
2 Cox upon his retirement as Commissioner of the Indiana High
3 School Athletic Association.
4 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
5 to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Commissioner Bobby
6 Cox.

