

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring Senator Brent Steele upon his retirement from the Indiana State Senate.

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SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring Senator Brent Steele
2 upon his retirement from the Indiana State Senate.

3 *Whereas, Senator Brent Steele has served the constituents*
4 *of District 44, encompassing parts of Brown, Bartholomew,*
5 *Jackson, Monroe, and Lawrence Counties, since 2004;*

6 *Whereas, A recognized leader in the Senate Majority*
7 *Caucus, Senator Steele serves as the Chair of the Senate*
8 *Committee on Judiciary and is a member of the Senate*
9 *Committees on Agriculture, Corrections and Criminal Law,*
10 *Ethics, Insurance and Financial Institutions, Natural*
11 *Resources, and Rules and Legislative Procedure;*

12 *Whereas, Senator Steele boasts an extensive list of*
13 *legislative initiatives he spearheaded during his time in the*
14 *Senate, many of them regarding cracking down on crime, such*
15 *as his five years of work rewriting Indiana's criminal code; two*
16 *bills he authored that allows for the death penalty or life*
17 *without parole for those who burn, torture, mutilate, or*
18 *decapitate their victims; a bill he drafted that sets lifetime*
19 *parole and ankle bracelets for repeat sex offenders; a bill he*
20 *authored to create the sex and violent offender registry; and his*



1 *efforts to expand the statute of limitation for rape;*

2 *Whereas, Senator Steele is also an ardent supporter of the*
3 *Second Amendment, shepherding the Shooting Range*
4 *Protection Act and co-authoring the Personal Carry*
5 *Preemption Law, the Right to Carry at Employment Law, and*
6 *the Lifetime Carry Permit Law;*

7 *Whereas, Senator Steele helped pass the Veteran Funeral*
8 *Protection Bill, rewrote the Land Partition Law, and carried*
9 *the original Unclaimed Property Bill;*

10 *Whereas, In addition to his elected service in the Senate,*
11 *Senator Steele served previously from 1995-2002 in the Indiana*
12 *House of Representatives as the Republican Whip; is a member*
13 *of the Bedford Lions Club, the Bedford Masonic Lodge #14, the*
14 *Scottish Rite, the York Rite and the Shriners; the Lawrence*
15 *County Bar Association, the Indiana State Bar Association, the*
16 *National Rifle Association, and the National Muzzle Loading*
17 *Rifle Association;*

18 *Whereas, Senator Steele has served on the boards for the*
19 *First National Bank of Mitchell and the Lawrence County*
20 *Sheriff Merit Board, and currently serves as the President of*
21 *the Board of Directors for the Bedford City Plan Commission;*

22 *Whereas, Senator Steele received his B.S. and J.D. from*
23 *Indiana University, and has ran a successful and respected law*
24 *practice, Steele & Steele, LLC, in Bedford, Indiana since 1972*
25 *when he joined his father's law practice;*

26 *Whereas, Senator Steele is married to his loving wife Sally,*
27 *with whom he has four sons – Sean, Aaron, Rhett, and Gavin –*
28 *all of whom have supported him for 20 years, in both his home*
29 *and his political life; and*

30 *Whereas, Senator Steele's spirit, tenacity, and drive to*
31 *better the lives of Hoosiers across the state will be greatly*



1 *missed within the Indiana State Senate and throughout the*
2 *Statehouse: Therefore,*

3 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
4 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

5 SECTION 1. That the Indiana State Senate honors Senator
6 Brent Steele upon his retirement and thanks him for his years of
7 service to the Indiana State Senate.

8 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
9 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Senator Brent Steele and his
10 family.

