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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION recognizing and honoring the distinguished career and lifetime accomplishments of Sam Bell.

Whereas, Sam Bell brought his family to Indiana 29 years ago, leaving behind a good job and great athletic talent in California to become Indiana University's track and field/cross country coordinator;

Whereas, Before coming to Indiana in April, 1969, Sam Bell coached for seven years at Oregon State University and

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four years at the University of California;

Whereas, Sam Bell served as head men's coach for the 1964 USA vs. USSR meet;

Whereas, Sam Bell coached the men's distance runners and decathletes for the U.S. team at the 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal, Quebec, Canada;

Whereas, Sam Bell was coach of the 1979 World Cup team, which was the first U.S. team to win the event;

Whereas, Sam Bell was inducted into the National Track and Field Hall of Fame in 1992;

Whereas, Indiana University athletes, under Sam Bell's instruction, earned 189 All-American honors as well as 19 NCAA individual crowns;

Whereas, Sam Bell's impressive career accomplishments include 22 men's and women's Big Ten championship titles and three men's and two women's cross country Big Ten titles;

Whereas, Sam Bell has been a major advocate for the sport, working for the betterment of track and serving in a capacity that allowed him to make Bloomington a nerve center for American track and field;

Whereas, Sam Bell challenged his athletes to look ahead, asking them to do more than they dreamed they could;

Whereas, Sam Bell's great character, sacrifice, and commitment are the same qualities he strived to instill in his athletes;

Whereas, Sam Bell influenced the lives of many thousands of young people, teaching them how to excel and to be great individuals both in competition and in life;

Whereas, Sam Bell's love of the sport has been overwhelmingly apparent throughout his career and in his successes; and



Whereas, Upon his retirement and conclusion of his Hall of Fame career of nearly 50 years, Sam Bell leaves behind a 29 year legacy of Hoosier excellence: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

||| SECTION 1. That on behalf of the people of the state of Indiana,
||| the Indiana House of Representatives honors and pays tribute to Sam
||| Bell by acknowledging and thanking him for a lifetime of dedicated
||| service and the many sacrifices he has made for the good of our state
||| and for the betterment of our nation's athletes.

||| SECTION 2. That the principal clerk of the House of
||| Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Sam Bell and his
||| family.

