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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Lawrence J. (Larry) Hurt on his selection as Indiana's 1999 Teacher of the Year.

Whereas, Lawrence J. (Larry) Hurt, an art teacher at Ben Davis High School, Indianapolis, Indiana, was named the 1999 Indiana Teacher of the Year;

Whereas, Nominations for the Teacher of the Year award are requested annually from each of Indiana's 294 public school corporations;

Whereas, Larry Hurt was chosen from the 58 nominees submitted for the Teacher of the Year award;

Whereas, Ten finalists are chosen by a six-member committee in the state Department of Education, and two educators are added to the committee to select the Teacher of the Year and the runner-up;

Whereas, The award, presented to Larry Hurt by Superintendent of Public Instruction Suellen Reed, is co-sponsored by the Department of Education, Indiana Farm Bureau, Inc., the Farm Bureau Insurance Companies, and Scholastic, Inc.;

Whereas, As Indiana's Teacher of the Year, Larry Hurt will represent the state in national competition conducted under the auspices of the Council of Chief State School Officers in Washington, D.C.;



Whereas, Larry Hurt is on the leading edge of teaching techniques, witnessed by his classroom outreach program that brings together two groups of students that he describes as "separated by life situations and physical location";

Whereas, His outreach program brings special needs students in contact with art students once a month in a peer-tutoring environment to share art and their life stories;

Whereas, The students of Ben Davis High School have rewarded the teaching abilities of Larry Hurt by selecting him for the Seniors' Choice Awards 13 years in a row;

Whereas, Larry Hurt was chosen Ben Davis Teacher of the Year in 1991 and 1998 and Teacher of the Year in the Metropolitan School District of Wayne Township in 1998;

Whereas, Larry Hurt has received numerous awards in recognition of his exemplary teaching abilities, including the Prelude Awards/Knightlinger and Gray Outstanding Arts Educator Award in 1998 and the Walt Disney Company's American Teacher Award in 1992;

Whereas, Larry Hurt believes in being involved outside the classroom as well. He is a member of the Wayne Township Classroom Teachers Association, the National Art Education Association, and the Art Education Association of Indiana; and

Whereas, The citizens of Indiana take pride in their teachers who dedicate themselves to educating the young people of Indiana: Therefore,

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

1 SECTION 1. That, on behalf of the citizens of Indiana, we
2 congratulate Lawrence J. (Larry) Hurt on being selected Indiana's
3 Teacher of the Year for 1999.

4 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
5 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Lawrence J.



1 (Larry) Hurt; Dr. James Mifflin, principal of Ben Davis High School;
2 and Dr. Terry Thompson, superintendent of the Metropolitan School
3 District of Wayne Township.

