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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. ____**

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring John E. Worthen, President of Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana, on the occasion of his retirement from the university.

Whereas, Ball State University President John E. Worthen recently announced that he will be stepping down on June 30, 2000, as the eleventh president of the university, a position he has held for 16 years;

Whereas, Under his guidance, the university has become one of the most highly regarded institutions of higher education in the Midwest boasting an outstanding faculty, a beautiful campus, and strong academic programs;

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Whereas, One of the major accomplishments of his tenure as president is the emergence of Ball State as a national leader in the use of technology to enhance classroom teaching and learning, an area which is of special interest to President Worthen;

Whereas, President Worthen was the central figure in the successful conclusion of the \$40 million "Wings" capital campaign which exceeded its goal by \$4 million;

Whereas, President Worthen was instrumental in the 10-year reaccreditation of the university by the North Central Association;

Whereas, Under the watchful eye of President Worthen, the university's endowment reached a record \$85 million in 1999;

Whereas, President Worthen currently serves on a number of national, state, and community boards including past chair of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities; a member of the Indiana Business Modernization and Technology Corporation; the Council of Presidents of the Mid-American Conference; Indiana Chamber of Commerce; Indiana Campus Compact; Indiana Conference of Higher Education; First Merchants Corporation; Ball Memorial Hospital; Indiana Energy, Inc.; and Indiana Gas Co, Inc.;

Whereas, Before coming to Ball State University, Dr. Worthen was president of Indiana University of Pennsylvania, worked for 16 years at the University of Delaware in several administrative positions, including two vice-presidencies during the last 11 years, and served as dean of men at American University in Washington, D.C.;

Whereas, Dr. Worthen, who was born on July 15, 1933, in Carbondale, Illinois, received a B.S. in psychology from Northwestern University, an M.A. in student personnel administration from Columbia University, and an Ed.D. in counseling psychology and administration in higher education from Harvard University;

Whereas, Dr. Worthen was commissioned a lieutenant in



the United States Navy and was a carrier pilot and education and legal officer, serving four years;

Whereas, Dr. Worthen and his wife, Sandra, have devoted their lives to Ball State University, the Muncie community, and the state of Indiana during the 16 years of his presidency; Ball State and the entire state have benefitted greatly from their presence; and

Whereas, During his time at Ball State University, Dr. Worthen has created an environment where students of all ages can learn and use the power of education to realize their full potential: Therefore,

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

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives wishes to
2 thank Dr. Worthen for the many contributions he has made to Ball
3 State University, the state of Indiana, and the Muncie community and
4 to wish him and his family continued success in the future.

5 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
6 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Dr. Worthen, his
7 wife, Sandra, their children Samantha and Bradley, and the trustees of
8 Ball State University.

