

**HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Viola J. Taliaferro for her faithful service and success as a judge.

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_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



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Whereas, Viola J. Taliaferro was born in Virginia and graduated from high school at age 14;

Whereas, Viola J. Taliaferro received her B.S. from Virginia State College in 1947;

Whereas, Viola J. Taliaferro received a Doctor of Jurisprudence from Indiana University School of Law in 1977;

Whereas, Viola J. Taliaferro has worked with high school students in Maryland for over 25 years;

Whereas, Viola J. Taliaferro started practicing law in 1977 and retired as a judge in 2004, combining for over 27 years;

Whereas, Viola J. Taliaferro was an innovator in juvenile justice initiatives in Bloomington, IN and around the state of Indiana through her work with the Indiana State Bar Association and other legal organizations around the state;

Whereas, Viola J. Taliaferro placed a special emphasis on the equal treatment of children of color during her law career;

Whereas, Viola J. Taliaferro received the Neal-Marshall Award for Afro-American Affairs from Indiana University in 1990;

Whereas, Viola J. Taliaferro received the Women in the Law



Award from the Indiana State Bar Association in 1993;

Whereas, Viola J. Taliaferro, in 1997, earned the Women in the Law Achievement Award and Women in the Law Committee from the Indiana State Bar Association;

Whereas, in 1997, the Civil Rights for Children Committee of the Indiana State Bar Association created The Honorable Viola J. Taliaferro Award;

Whereas, Viola J. Taliaferro was named Woman of the Year by Monroe County Commissioners in 2000;

Whereas, Viola J. Taliaferro was named Woman of the Year by the Bloomington Commission on Status of Women in 2000;

Whereas, Viola J. Taliaferro was named Judge of the Year by the Indiana Correctional Association in 2000;

Whereas, Viola J. Taliaferro was awarded the National Association of Black Women President's Award in 2001;

Whereas, Viola J. Taliaferro was named Judge of the Year by the National Court Appointed Special Advocate Association in 2004;

Whereas, Governor Joe Kernan awarded Viola J. Taliaferro the Sagamore of the Wabash Award in 2004; and,

Whereas, Viola J. Taliaferro was named a 2011 Black History Month Living Legend by the City of Bloomington: 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 the House of Representatives commemorates
- 2 Viola J. Taliaferro for her many years of dedicated service to her
- 3 community as a teacher, administrator, lawyer, judge and advocate.
- 4 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House transmit a copy
- 5 of this resolution to Viola J. Taliaferro.

