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The members of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Twentieth General Assembly of the State of Indiana assembled in the House Chambers in the State House in the City of Indianapolis on Tuesday, the twenty-first day of November, 2017, A.D., at 1:00 p.m., being the day fixed by law for the convening of the second regular session of the General Assembly, viz:

“...the second regular session of each term of the general assembly shall convene on the third Tuesday after the first Monday of November of each odd-numbered year...”

The invocation was offered by Pastor Matt Barnes of the Public Servants' Prayer.

The House was called to order by Speaker Brian C. Bosma.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Representative Pelath.

## FILLING VACANT LEGISLATIVE OFFICES

### District 74

October 12, 2017

The Honorable Brian C. Bosma  
Speaker of the House  
Indiana House of Representatives  
200 W. Washington Street, Room 3-7  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Speaker Bosma,

Recently, I was offered the opportunity to serve our state as the Director of Law Enforcement for the Natural Resources by our Governor. However, in order to serve the state in this capacity, I must resign my seat as State Representative for House District 74, effective Sunday, October 22, 2017. My first day with the Department of Natural Resources will be Monday, October 23, 2017.

Serving with you and our colleagues has been one of the highlights of my career. Accepting the Governor's offer was not easy. But, this is an exciting new challenge and I am excited to begin a new chapter. I will miss all of the members of the House of Representatives and I look forward to continuing to work with all of you in this new capacity.

I wish you and the Indiana General Assembly all the best.

Sincerely,

Lloyd Arnold  
State Representative  
House District 74

## CERTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT TO A VACANT STATE LEGISLATIVE OFFICE

TO THE HONORABLE BRIAN C. BOSMA  
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

WHEREAS, A vacancy occurred in the office of Indiana State House District 74, on October 22, 2017, due to the resignation of Representative Lloyd Arnold, who was elected to office as a candidate of the Indiana Republican Party;

WHEREAS, The duly elected and acting state chairman of the Indiana Republican Party set the place, date and time of a caucus comprised of the eligible precinct committeemen from Indiana District 74 and sent a notice by first class mail to all precinct committeemen in the caucus at least ten (10) days before the date of the meeting, setting forth the purpose, place, date and time of the meeting;

WHEREAS, The state chairman or his duly appointed designee presided over the aforesaid caucus, which was conducted on November 6, 2017.

WHEREAS, The caucus, voting by secret ballot, and a majority vote of those casting a vote for the candidate, selected an individual who resides within House District 74 to fill this vacancy;

WHEREAS, The individual selected to fill the aforesaid vacancy had filed a declaration of candidacy with the chairman of the caucus, and had previously filed a statement of economic interests under Indiana Code 2-2.1-3-2 with the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives, at least seventy-two (72) hours before the time fixed for the caucus, all as required by Indiana Code 3-13-5-3;

WHEREAS, Under Indiana Code 3-13-5-6, the state chairman is required to certify the name of the individual selected under Indiana Code 3-13-5-1 to fill this vacancy to the Speaker of the Indiana House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, Under Indiana Code 3-13-5-6, the Speaker of the Indiana House of Representatives is required to acknowledge receipt of this certification, submit a copy of the certificate to be included in the Journal of the Indiana House of Representatives on the day when the individual is seated, (or if this certificate is received after the adjournment *sine die* of the General Assembly, on the first day that the Indiana House of Representatives is in session following receipt of this certificate), and immediately forward the certificate to the Secretary of the State of Indiana: NOW, THEREFORE,

AS THE DULY ELECTED  
AND ACTING CHAIRMAN OF THE  
INDIANA REPUBLICAN STATE COMMITTEE,

(1) I certify that Stephen Bartels was selected by the aforesaid caucus to fill the vacancy existing in the Office of the Indiana House of Representatives, District 74;

(2) I request that the Speaker of the House of Representatives acknowledge receipt of this Certificate by his signature below as provided for by Indiana Code 3-13-5-6;

(3) I request that the Speaker of the House of Representatives include a copy of this Certificate in the Journal of the Indiana House of Representatives as provided in Indiana Code 3-13-5-6; and

(4) I request that this Certificate be immediately forwarded to the Secretary of State, as provided by Indiana Code 3-13-5-6.

CERTIFIED, THIS DAY THE SIXTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2017:

Kyle Hupfer,  
Indiana Republican State Chairman

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT BY THE  
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

I hereby acknowledge receipt of this Certificate by my signature below this 7th day of November, 2017.

Signed: Brian C. Bosma  
Speaker of the Indiana House of Representatives

NOTIFICATION TO  
SECRETARY OF STATE

November 7, 2017

The Honorable Connie Lawson  
Indiana Secretary of State  
201 State House  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Secretary Lawson:

This is to officially notify you that this office has received from the Chair of the Indiana Republican Committee, a copy of the certification of the election of Stephen Bartels to represent State House District 74, filling the vacancy created by the resignation of Lloyd Arnold. Representative Stephen Bartels was duly elected on November 6, 2017, in a caucus of precinct committee persons in District 74.

Sincerely,  
Brian C. Bosma  
Speaker of the House

CERTIFICATE OF SELECTION  
TO STATE LEGISLATIVE OFFICE

TO THE HONORABLE BRIAN C. BOSMA  
SPEAKER OF THE INDIANA  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WHEREAS, A vacancy occurred in the office of Indiana State Representative, District 74, due to the resignation of Lloyd Arnold, who was elected to that office as a candidate of the Indiana Republican Party;

WHEREAS, On November 6, 2017, a caucus composed of Republican Party precinct committeemen from Indiana House District 74 selected Stephen Bartels to fill the vacancy in Indiana House District 74;

WHEREAS, Kyle Hupfer, Chairman of the Indiana Republican Party, certified the selection of Stephen Bartels to fill the vacancy in office of Indiana State Representative, District 74, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Speaker of the House Representatives acknowledged receipt of the certification;

WHEREAS, The Speaker of the House of Representatives forwarded the aforesaid certification to the Secretary of State, in accordance with Indiana Code 3-13-5-6; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Indiana Code 3-13-5-7, the Secretary of State is required to certify the individual selected to fill a vacant legislative office: NOW, THEREFORE,

AS THE DULY ELECTED AND ACTING INDIANA SECRETARY OF STATE, I certify that the Honorable Stephen Bartels has been selected to fill the vacancy existing in the office of Indiana State Representative, District 74.

*Given under my hand and the Seal of the State of Indiana, at the City of Indianapolis, this Eighth day of November, 2017, being the 242nd year of the Independence of the United States, and the 201st year of the Statehood of Indiana.*

CONNIE LAWSON  
Indiana Secretary of State

Representative-elect Stephen Bartels was sworn into office on November 16, 2017 by Justice Geoffrey Slaughter. The oath of office is: "I, Stephen Bartels, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the State of Indiana, and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge my duties as a member of the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana to the best of my skill and ability, so help me God."

*Sworn before me, Justice Geoffrey Slaughter, this sixteenth day of November, 2017.*

**District 63**

October 20, 2017

The Honorable Brian C. Bosma  
Speaker of the House  
Indiana House of Representatives  
200 W. Washington Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Speaker Bosma,

Recently, I began a campaign to seek a seat in the United State Senate. In order to give this effort the attention required to be successful, I must resign as State Representative for House District 63, effective Wednesday, November 1, 2017

Serving in the Indiana General Assembly and representing the people of District 63 has been a great honor. I will miss the opportunity to continue serving alongside you and the other members of the House of Representatives, but I have great hope this new pursuit will provide an opportunity to continue serving Hoosiers.

Sincerely,  
Mike Braun  
State Representative  
House District 63

CERTIFICATION OF  
APPOINTMENT TO A VACANT  
STATE LEGISLATIVE OFFICE

TO THE HONORABLE BRIAN C. BOSMA  
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

WHEREAS, A vacancy occurred in the office of Indiana State House District 63 on November 1, 2017, due to the resignation of the Representative Mike Braun, who was elected to office as a candidate of the Indiana Republican Party;

WHEREAS, The duly elected and acting state chairman of the Indiana Republican Party set the place, date and time of a caucus comprised of the eligible precinct committeemen from Indiana House District 63 and sent a notice by first class mail to all precinct committeemen in the caucus at least ten (10) days before the date of the meeting, setting forth the purpose, place, date and time of the meeting;

WHEREAS, The state chairman or his duly appointed designee presided over the aforesaid caucus, which was conducted on October 30, 2017;

WHEREAS, The caucus, voting by secret ballot, and a majority vote of those casting a vote for the candidate, selected an individual who resides within Indiana House District 63 to fill this vacancy;

WHEREAS, The individual selected to fill the aforesaid vacancy had filed a declaration of candidacy with the chairman of the caucus, and had previously filed a statement of economic interests under Indiana Code 2-2.1-3-2 with the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives, at least seventy-two (72) hours before the time fixed for the caucus, all as required by Indiana Code 3-13-5-3;

WHEREAS, Under Indiana Code 3-13-5-6, the state chairman is required to certify the name of the individual selected under Indiana Code 3-13-5-1 to fill this vacancy to the Speaker of the Indiana House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, Under Indiana Code 3-13-5-6, the Speaker of the Indiana House of Representatives is required to acknowledge receipt of this certification, submit a copy of the certificate to be included in the Journal of the Indiana House of Representatives on the day when the individual is seated, (or if this certificate is received after the adjournment *sine die* of the General Assembly, on the first day that the House of Representatives is in session following receipt of this certificate), and immediately forward the certificate to the Secretary of the State of Indiana: NOW, THEREFORE,

AS THE DULY ELECTED  
AND ACTING CHAIRMAN OF THE  
INDIANA REPUBLICAN STATE COMMITTEE,

- (1) I certify that Shane Lindauer was selected by the aforesaid caucus to fill the vacancy existing in the Office of Indiana House District 63;
- (2) I request that the Speaker of the House of Representatives acknowledge receipt of this Certificate by his signature below as provided for by Indiana Code 3-13-5-6;
- (3) I request that the Speaker of the House of Representatives include a copy of this Certificate in the Journal of the Indiana House of Representatives as provided in Indiana Code 1-3-5-6; and
- (4) I request that this Certificate be immediately forwarded to the Secretary of State, as provided by Indiana Code 3-13-5-6.

CERTIFIED, THIS DAY THE 30TH DAY OF  
OCTOBER, 2017:

Kyle Hupfer,  
Indiana Republican State Chairman

NOTIFICATION TO  
SECRETARY OF STATE

November 1, 2017

The Honorable Connie Lawson  
Indiana Secretary of State  
201 State House  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Secretary Lawson:

This is to officially notify you that this office has received from the Chair of the Indiana Republican Committee, a copy of the certification of the election of Shane Lindauer to represent State House District 63, filling the vacancy created by the resignation of Mike Braun. Representative Shane Lindauer was duly elected on October 30, 2017, in a caucus of precinct committee persons in District 63.

Sincerely,

Brian C. Bosma  
Speaker of the House

CERTIFICATE OF SELECTION  
TO STATE LEGISLATIVE OFFICE

TO THE HONORABLE BRIAN C. BOSMA  
SPEAKER OF THE INDIANA  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WHEREAS, A vacancy occurred in the office of Indiana State Representative, District 63, due to the resignation of Mike Braun, who was elected to that office as a candidate of the Indiana Republican Party;

WHEREAS, On October 30, 2017, a caucus composed of Republican Party precinct committeemen from Indiana House District 63 selected Shane Lindauer to fill the vacancy in Indiana House District 63;

WHEREAS, Kyle Hupfer, Chairman of the Indiana Republican Party, certified the selection of Shane Lindauer to fill the vacancy in office of Indiana State Representative, District 63, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Speaker of the House Representatives acknowledged receipt of the certification;

WHEREAS, The Speaker of the House of Representatives forwarded the aforesaid certification to the Secretary of State, in accordance with Indiana Code 3-13-5-6; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Indiana Code 3-13-5-7, the Secretary of State is required to certify the individual selected to fill a vacant legislative office: NOW, THEREFORE,

AS THE DULY ELECTED AND ACTING INDIANA  
SECRETARY OF STATE, I certify that the Honorable  
Shane Lindauer has been selected to fill the vacancy existing  
in the office of Indiana State Representative, District 63.

*Given under my hand and the Seal of the State of Indiana, at the City of Indianapolis, this 2nd day of November, 2017, being the 242<sup>nd</sup> year of the Independence of the United States, and the 201st year of the Statehood of Indiana.*

CONNIE LAWSON  
Indiana Secretary of State

Representative-elect Shane Lindauer was sworn into office on November 16, 2017 by Justice Geoffrey Slaughter. The oath of office is: "I, Shane Lindauer, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the State of Indiana, and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge my duties as a member of the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana to the best of my skill and ability, so help me God."

*Sworn before me, Justice Geoffrey Slaughter, this sixteenth day of November, 2017.*

### ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

The Speaker of the House directed that the roll be called and the following members-elect answered to their names:

- Terri Jo Austin (District 36, Madison County)
- Mike Aylesworth (District 11, Lake and Porter Counties)
- Ronald A. Bacon (District 75, Pike, Spencer, and Warrick Counties)
- James R. Baird (District 44, Clay, Morgan, Owen, Parke, Putnam Counties)
- Stephen Bartels (District 74, Crawford, Dubois, Orange, Perry, Spencer Counties)
- John L. Bartlett (District 95, Marion County)
- B. Patrick Bauer (District 6, St. Joseph County)
- Robert W. Behning (District 91, Hendricks and Marion Counties)
- Greg R. Beumer (District 33, Delaware, Jay and Randolph Counties)
- Bruce Borders (District 45, Daviess, Greene, Knox, Sullivan and Vigo Counties)
- Brian C. Bosma (District 88, Hamilton, Hancock, and Marion Counties)
- Charlie Brown (District 3, Lake County)
- Timothy N. Brown (District 41, Boone, Montgomery, and Tippecanoe Counties).
- Charles W. "Woody" Burton (District 58, Johnson County)
- Mara Candelaria Reardon (District 12, Lake County)
- Martin Carbaugh (District 81, Allen County)
- Robert W. Cherry (District 53, Hancock and Madison Counties)
- Edward D. Clere (District 72, Floyd County)
- Tony J. Cook (District 32, Delaware, Grant, Hamilton, Howard, Madison, and Tipton Counties)
- Wesley H. Culver (District 49, Elkhart County)
- Steven J. Davisson (District 73, Clark, Harrison, Jackson, Lawrence, Orange, and Washington Counties)
- Edward O. DeLaney (District 86, Marion County)
- Dale R. DeVon (District 5, St. Joseph County)
- Ryan M. Dvorak (District 8, LaPorte and St. Joseph Counties)
- Sean R. Eberhart (District 57, Bartholomew, Hancock and Shelby Counties)
- Jeff Ellington (District 62, Daviess, Greene, Martin and Monroe Counties)
- Karen Engleman (District 70, Clark, Floyd, and Harrison Counties)
- Sue Errington (District 34, Delaware County)
- Dan P. Forestal (District 100, Marion County)
- William C. Friend (District 23, Cass, Fulton, and Miami Counties)
- David N. Frizzell (District 93, Johnson and Marion Counties)
- Randall L. Frye (District 67, Dearborn, Decatur, Jefferson, Jennings, Ohio, Ripley, and Switzerland Counties)
- Philip K. GiaQuinta (District 80, Allen County)
- Terry A. Goodin (District 66, Clark, Jefferson, and Scott Counties)
- Douglas L. Gutwein (District 16, Fulton, Jasper, Newton, Pulaski, and Starke Counties)
- Carey Hamilton (District 87, Marion County)
- Richard L. Hamm (District 56, Wayne County)
- Earl Harris (District 2, Lake County)
- Ryan D. Hatfield (District 77, Vanderburgh)
- Bob A. Heaton (District 46, Clay, Monroe, Owen, and Vigo Counties)
- Dave Heine (District 85, Allen and Dekalb Counties)
- Todd M. Huston (District 37, Hamilton County)
- Jack Jordan (District 17, Fulton and Marshall Counties)
- Christopher N. Judy (District 83, Allen and Whitley)
- Michael H. Karickhoff (District 30, Grant and Howard Counties)
- Clyde Kersey (District 43, Vigo County)
- Cynthia L. Kirchofer (District 89, Marion County)
- Sheila A. Klinker (District 27, Tippecanoe County)
- Linda C. Lawson (District 1, Lake County)
- Donald J. Lehe (District 25, Carroll, Cass, Clinton, Tippecanoe, and White Counties)
- Matt Lehman (District 79, Adams, Allen, and Wells Counties)
- Daniel J. Leonard (District 50, Allen, Huntington and Wells Counties)
- Shane Lindauer (District 63, Daviess, Dubois, Martin and Pike Counties)
- Jim Lucas (District 69, Bartholomew, Jackson, Jefferson, and Jennings Counties)
- Randy Lyness (District 68, Dearborn, Franklin, and Union Counties)

Karlee D. Macer (District 92, Marion County)  
 Kevin A. Mahan (District 31, Blackford, Delaware, Grant, and Wells Counties)  
 Chris D. May (District 65, Brown, Jackson, Johnson, Lawrence, and Monroe Counties)  
 Peggy Mayfield (District 60, Monroe and Morgan Counties)  
 Wendy M. McNamara (District 76, Posey and Vanderburgh Counties)  
 Doug Miller (District 48, Elkhart County)  
 Justin W. Moed (District 97, Marion County)  
 Robert D. Morris (District 84, Allen County)  
 Alan P. Morrison (District 42, Clay, Fountain, Parke, Vermillion, Vigo, and Warren Counties)  
 Charles "Chuck" A. Moseley (District 10, Porter County)  
 Sharon Negele (District 13, Benton, Fountain, Jasper, Montgomery, Newton, Tippecanoe, Warren, and White Counties)  
 Curt Nisly (District 22, Elkhart and Kosciusko Counties)  
 David L. Ober (District 82, Allen, Elkhart, LaGrange, Noble, and Whitley Counties)  
 Julie Olthoff (District 19, Lake and Porter Counties)  
 Scott D. Pelath (District 9, LaPorte and Porter Counties)  
 Matt Pierce (District 61, Monroe County)  
 Gregory W. Porter (District 96, Marion County)  
 Jim Pressel (District 20, LaPorte and Starke Counties)  
 Cherrish S. Pryor (District 94, Marion County)  
 Kathy Kreag Richardson (District 29, Hamilton County)  
 Thomas E. Saunders (District 54, Henry, Rush, and Wayne Counties)  
 Donna Schaibley (District 24, Boone and Hamilton Counties)  
 Robin Shackelford (District 98, Marion County)  
 Sally Siegrist (District 26, Tippecanoe County)  
 Harold Slager (District 15, Lake County)  
 Benjamin C. Smaltz (District 52, Allen, Dekalb, and Steuben Counties)  
 Milo E. Smith (District 59, Bartholomew County)  
 Vernon G. Smith (District 14, Lake County)  
 Edmond L. Soliday (District 4, Porter County)  
 Michael R. Speedy (District 90, Marion County)  
 Steven R. Stemler (District 71, Clark County)  
 Gregory E. Steuerwald (District 40, Hendricks County)  
 Holli Anne Sullivan (District 78, Spencer, Vanderburgh and Warrick Counties)  
 Vanessa J. Summers (District 99, Marion County)  
 Joe Taylor, III (District 7, St. Joseph County)  
 Jeffrey A. Thompson (District 28, Boone and Hendricks Counties)  
 Jerry Torr (District 39, Hamilton County)  
 Heath R. VanNatter (District 38, Carroll, Cass, Clinton, and Howard Counties)

Thomas W. Washburne (District 64, Gibson, Knox, Pike, Posey, and Vanderburgh Counties)

Timothy C. Wesco (District 21, Elkhart and St. Joseph Counties)

David A. Wolkins (District 18, Grant, Kosciusko, Miami, and Wabash Counties)

Melanie Wright (District 35, Delaware and Madison Counties)

John T. Young (District 47, Johnson and Morgan Counties)

Dennis J. Zent (District 51, LaGrange and Steuben Counties)

Cindy M. Ziemke (District 55, Decatur, Fayette, Franklin, Ripley, and Rush Counties)

Roll Call 1: 98 present; 2 excused [Cynthia Kirchhofer (District 89, Marion County) and Sally Siegrist (District 26, Tippecanoe County)]. The Speaker announced a quorum in attendance.

### OPENING REMARKS BY SPEAKER BRIAN C. BOSMA

Thank you, and a special welcome to our guests today as we begin the second regular session of the 120th General Assembly.

At the onset, I really want to give a special welcome to families and loved ones that are here. The longer that I serve in elected office, the more I recognize that this is a team sport. And to my wife, Cheryl, and to your significant others and family members, special thanks go to you. Cheryl, you are the focal point in Team Bosma. Thank you for always being there.

Let us give all of our guests and supporters a round of applause, please. As delightful as all of you are, and I personally know I am, I know it is a tough haul, so we really appreciate it.

This is going to be a bit of a unique session, because we have some mid-season substitutions as members announce retirements, and others announce different goals and take on new roles for themselves.

First, I would like to congratulate and welcome to our chamber two new members sworn in last week: Representative Shane Lindauer of Jasper and Representative Steve Bartels of Eckerty. Gentlemen, stand and identify yourselves so we all see where you are. My words of advice are to buckle up, this is going to be a fast one.

Second, I really want to extend my sincere thanks and recognition of working together, occasionally disagreeing together, in what has really become a friendship over two decades, to Leader Scott Pelath.

Just as we were talking on Sunday about your plans for your family and your future, I had been mulling over the issues we have solved together, thinking about the contrast with Washington, D.C., where it is all about knocking the other guy down and saying something bad about their personality. We have focused on policy and not always in agreement, but quite frequently in agreement. Thank you. You have been an inspiration to your team and to ours on how the minority and majority can work together. Thank you so much, Scott.

Before I talk about the session, I want to extend a thanks to so many members and staff here. I would be remiss if I did not thank you for the cards, the letters, the flowers, the texts, and pats on the shoulder because of the passing of my 95-year-old mother this last week, who was very involved in this institution for more than 50 years. She was an inspiring model of

self-sacrifice. It was really cool for our family to have adults my age and younger who were her students in school coming up sobbing behind her casket, despite not seeing her for 30 or 40 years.

It is that type of inspiration that I know we have in classrooms all around the state, and it was just heart-warming for our family to see her life of self-sacrifice celebrated last week, so thanks to all of you for your kind wishes.

Now to the session that lies before us. As I indicated, it is going to be a fast one. It will not be the Boonville death march of the early 90s, which I dubbed under Speaker Phillips. We met literally every business day through February 14. What we passed over here, the Senate defeated, and what the Senate passed, we defeated and we went home with no work done. But it will be fast, it will be 10 short weeks. So, if a bill is not passed out of this House in the first four weeks of the session, it will simply have to wait until next year. But I am so pleased to reveal a bit of the very sound and solid foundation that we have to build on. Having traveled our country with other leaders, actually being asked to tell the Indiana story, I just want to let you know, as most of you do, that we are in an extraordinary position and are literally the envy of much of the nation.

The first time I addressed this body, now 13 years ago, in my first Speakership in 2004, I cited some statistics. I pulled those up to take another look at them. Our state lagged in job creation nationally and literally led the nation in job loss in the prior six years. We had an outdated tax and regulatory system. We had fallen from 6th in the nation in job creation to 46th. We were the only state in the nation to lose technology jobs over an eight-year period. Governing Magazine, which we all crack open and take a look at every once in a while, ranked us 50th in economic momentum. The Bureau of Labor Statistics said we were 50th in the percent of our workforce in executive, managerial and administrative positions, and we faced a session with combined prior overspending and income loss, with a deficit of \$1.3 billion.

Through hard work together, some of it bipartisan, we have made Indiana the envy of the rest of the nation.

Just in the last year, in CEO Magazine's list of best and worst states, Indiana was 1st in the Midwest and 5th nationally in their ranking. Area Developments' Top States for Business ranked us 1st in the Midwest, 7th nationally. The Tax Foundation, in their business tax climate, ranked us 1st in the Midwest, 9th nationally. Software.com says we have, in the last year, the second-highest number of job growth in the software industry in the nation. We have the second-highest number, over the last five years, of increase in manufacturing jobs. The National Small Business and Entrepreneurship Council, in their small business policy index, ranks us 7th in the nation.

Forbes and other rankings have said our capital city here, which we all enjoy and appreciate as the center of our state, is 5th in the nation in the creation of tech jobs, the fourth-best city in the United States for women and second-best city in the United States to start a business.

Over the last 15 years, we have cut taxes 13 times, we have record reserves, a AAA bond rating and have funded at record levels all of our top priorities. We have the only fully funded, 20-year infrastructure program in the nation, which does not place a dime of debt on our children and our grandchildren. Since we were together last year, U.S. News and World Report ranked Indiana as the No. 1 state government in the Union.

In short, we have been hitting on all cylinders as far as our economy and our job creation atmosphere is ranked, and employers have taken notice. Existing businesses are expanding

at record levels. We have had entrepreneurs creating startups. I just ran into one yesterday on the Circle, former CEO of the predecessor to Salesforce, who said, "I'm doing another start-up, I'm excited about it, it is going to be 600 jobs." We have global high-tech giants all the way from GE to Salesforce that are relocating to Hoosier soil.

But despite all these great statistics, we still have some very serious challenges before us. In particular, continued investment in our workforce, dealing with our opioid crisis – which has now become a jobs issue as well – and continuing improvement in education and government streamlining all have to be top priorities this session.

Our weak spot is our current workforce. It is not because we do not have good folks. It is because they are not well-trained. We rank among the bottom third of states in terms of availability and quality of our workforce. We simply do not have enough people equipped with skills needed for the 21st century, and the skills of the 20th century are quickly in the rearview mirror.

In the next five years, it has been estimated that we have to fill 1 million job openings between baby boomers retiring and expansion in Indiana. Most of those jobs require post-secondary certification or college, and our students, our young people and our older workers are not pursuing, in many cases, those certifications.

As I stated from this rostrum last year, we do not spend our resources well. We spend \$1 billion together on workforce. It goes into 30 different programs in nine different agencies, and while we have made some improvements, we must do more. We must have resource allocation that is nimble and optimal, and it is not today. This session, we have an opportunity to make some systemic changes. Ironically, they were systemic similar to systemic changes that we made five years ago that we were asked to repeal by the last administration. As part of the legislation that we passed on workforce this past session, we tasked the governor and his team with coming up with a strategic plan. As they looked over the interim and published it this last week, they said we are not aligned and many of us knew this. The state, local, higher education and secondary efforts are not aligned. He rightfully stresses streamlining that delivery system, aligning those decision-makers, and we are going to use his recommendations and some of our own thoughts as a blueprint for continued reform as we retool our workforce. It is simply the number-one issue we must deal with.

We made great strides in K-12 education, which, for all practical purposes, is a workforce issue as well. I can tell you that I am sincerely enthused about some of the innovation and progress that is being made in our traditional public schools, like IPS, and Fort Wayne Community Schools. People are trying something different and they are seeing great results with it. We need to give them more tools, we need to give them more opportunities.

Our State Board of Education, pursuant to legislation we adopted repealing ISTEP, among other things, are making progress on assessments and career pathways. They need to do more and we may need to help them do so. At the same time, we need to concentrate on driving more dollars to our classrooms and to actual instruction. About 42 percent of the money that leaves this Capitol building and goes to our local schools, does not hit the classroom. We simply have to do a better job of getting those resources to the instructional classroom.

As I stated, it is no new news to anyone in the room that we have a real opioid crisis and mental health crisis in the state right now. We have talked about our educational attainment, we

have talked about our workforce attainment, we have talked about the great atmosphere that we have here for job creation. If we do not have qualified workers who can pass a drug test, we still have a big problem ahead of us. We have, now monthly, roughly 100 Hoosiers dying from overdose every month – almost all of those opioids – and that is a 600 percent increase since 1999.

We do not have accurate data, and we have called on the governor to help us with that task and his drug task force is trying to put that together. We have to make – as we did with roads and other things – we have to make evidence-based decisions on treatment, on punishment, on getting the really bad guys off the streets and on getting those who are addicted into rehabilitation that is available to all.

We have tackled box shopping and pill mills by making prescriptions a little bit more difficult to forge. We made progress on the meth issue, as we had a 58-percent drop in lab busts in the first half of this year, compared to the first half of last, and some very positive statistics about meth labs' impacts on children in that regard.

We have to have more of a commitment to addiction treatment. We broadened and developed some of those options in mental health services, but we are not there yet, and still have a long way to go. We look forward to working with the administration that has some great ideas in this regard, and I mean that very seriously. I told the governor this morning that I am not used to being complimentary to a governor right out of the box, but their administration is working hard on these issues and are coming up with some great ideas. Ultimately, we have to have those who are addicted today, in meaningful jobs in the future. We have to find that link, not just getting them sober, but linking them with meaningful work. That is how they will stay not addicted.

In 2010, I had a great idea: Let us start a select committee. Every once in a while, I have one. Scott raised his eyebrows on that one. Every once in a while I have a personal good idea. We created, at my request, together in our rules, a select committee on government reduction. I carried one of the first bills in that committee by repealing a bill that I had carried in 1988 as a freshman legislator, and that was a responsible property transfer law. It was no longer needed. It was a bureaucratic headache. The market had stepped into the role of helping people discover environmental concerns, and we repealed the law. We have actually repealed thousands of lines of code through that committee, but I have never felt that it lived up to its potential.

I want each of you over the next six weeks to think about what Doug Gutwein and his committee can tackle in this short session. To his great credit, I received, not through legislative channels, but through municipal channels, the fact that Chairman Gutwein has been working with local units of government, with the state administration, with our colleagues in the Senate and with members of both sides of the aisle to try to streamline local government. Doug, I have some ideas of my own and I will put pen to paper and I will come back with some ideas.

This morning, Leader Pelath and I had the pleasure, touching on my last topic here, of talking about our adopted charity this session. Each year since 2010, we have together in a bipartisan fashion, adopted a non-profit agency to help. Last year we built – I still surprise people with this – most of a house out in the parking lot outside.

Well, the adoption of this group is a little different, because IARCA, the Indiana Association for Resources and Child Advocacy, promotes adoption and foster parent care. You

missed it this morning, with the exception of a few of you, we had a family that had been first a foster family, and now an adoptive family. As 11-year-old AJ gave his personal story of thanks, very brief, thanking his parents for giving him shelter, food, something to drink. They had adopted AJ and one other child, and I could not stop the waterworks. It was such a meaningful testament from a young man whose life had been changed.

IARCA serves almost 5,000 of those children every day through 91 different agencies, but there is twice the need in foster care than there is availability, and 150 children, many of whose pictures lined our presentation this morning, are waiting for adoption. So we are going to try to help. Mostly, I encourage you, if you want to be a foster parent or want to adopt a child, we are in, but that may not be your gift or talent. You could contribute. Most of the children that need foster care are between 1 and 5 years old. Almost all of those kids need diapers, so we will conduct a drive here, and each of the leaders' offices have the list of the goods we need.

Already, many donations have been made that will go straight to IARCA for distribution to these 91 agencies, which are throughout the state. We are always happy to accept financial support, and I know Cheryl and I will be doing that as well. You can also help with the project that we are going to do. I don't know what the date is, but I know January 24 is Adoption Day here for IARCA and IARCA Statehouse Day here at the Statehouse. I am sure we will hold events around that, and we hit social media as well on their behalf. We have a hashtag, FosterHopeIndiana. Get on there and tweet your message. There is a new website, which we helped them construct, where we will talk about resources and needs, and that is [www.fosterhopeindiana.org](http://www.fosterhopeindiana.org). I would encourage you to investigate that.

One final word before I conclude my remarks this morning, and that is about our civil conduct, both in this Chamber and on social media. Over the last week, I have been called on social media a liar, compared to Nazis, told I was disgusting, a pathetic excuse for a Christian – I will leave out some of the more colorful items – from a group with which their purpose I agree. Their means of accomplishing it, I disagree on their approach. This, for the most pro-life speaker in the last 40 years. People wonder why good people do not want to run for office. Many of those comments were posted on my mother's funeral memory page. That is exactly how low we have gotten. I refuse to participate in the long spiral to uncivil conduct in political life. It seems to emanate from D.C. in all directions, and I am not blaming any one person. But I refuse to participate. But not everyone in this building agrees. Not everybody is on that same page. Some of you here in the building encourage incivility, you encourage misrepresentation, you participate in the vilification of others, and you are insensitive to those who are hurting and those who are misunderstood. And I would only encourage you to stop. Let us lead those we represent by example. Let us show them what we do here every day during the session, and that is civilly exchange ideas and reach conclusion.

For me personally, I want my words to encourage, and perhaps inspire others to serve their neighbors and to serve them well. And I pledge personally not to attribute all that is wrong with society on any one person because we disagree. To the extent I can control it – and I can a little bit – that is how we are going to conduct ourselves here, and I hope you will choose to conduct yourself in the social netherworld.

My goal is to listen to Hoosiers, to do what is right for them, let the politics shake out for itself. I believe that is best for our state and I will do all I can to make it happen. I pray that God will

bless our efforts, and that together we can make Indiana all she can be.

Thank you very much..

## ORGANIZATION OF SECOND REGULAR SESSION

### HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that a committee of four (4) members of this House be appointed by the Speaker to notify the Senate that the House of Representatives has met, formed a quorum, and is now prepared to proceed with the legislative business and to receive any communications which the Senate may transmit.

LEHMAN

Motion prevailed. The Speaker appointed Representatives Lindauer, Bartels, Hamilton and Hatfield.

### COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your committee which was appointed by the Speaker to notify the Senate that the House has met, has formed a quorum, and is prepared to proceed with the legislative business and to receive any communications which the Senate may transmit, respectfully reports that it has performed the duties assigned.

LINDAUER  
BARTLES

HAMILTON  
HATFIELD

Report adopted.

### HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that a committee of four (4) members of this House be appointed by the Speaker to act with a like committee of the Senate to wait upon the Governor and to notify him of the organization of both Houses of the General Assembly and to inform him that the General assembly is ready for the transaction of legislative business.

LEHMAN

Motion prevailed. The Speaker appointed Representatives Gutwein, Baird, Errington and Taylor.

### COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your committee which was appointed to act with a like committee of the Senate to wait upon the Governor, to notify him of the organization of both Houses of the General Assembly, and to inform him that they are ready for the transaction of legislative business, begs leave to report that it has performed the duties assigned.

GUTWEIN  
BAIRD

ERRINGTON  
TAYLOR

Report adopted.

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has adopted the following motion:

“I move that Senators Ruckelshaus, Zay, G. Taylor and Niezgodski be appointed as a committee of four members of the Senate to notify the House of Representatives that the Senate has met, has formed a quorum, and is now prepared to proceed with legislative business and to receive any communications which the House of Representatives may transmit. Senator Perfect shall serve as chair of the committee.”

JENNIFER L. MERTZ  
Principal Secretary of the Senate

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has adopted the following motion:

“I move that Senators Zay, Ruckelshaus, G. Taylor and Niezgodski appointed as a committee of four members of the Senate to act with a like committee of the House of Representatives to wait upon the Governor and to notify him of the convening of both Houses of the General Assembly and to inform him that they are ready for the transaction of legislative business and to learn from him when it will suit his convenience to submit whatever communication he may have to offer to the General Assembly.

JENNIFER L. MERTZ  
Principal Secretary of the Senate

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed House Concurrent Resolution 1, and the same is herewith returned to the House.

JENNIFER L. MERTZ  
Principal Secretary of the Senate

## RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING

### House Concurrent Resolution 1

Representatives Bosma and Pelath introduced House Concurrent Resolution 1:

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION to allow the House of Representatives and the Senate of the 120th General Assembly to adjourn and recess separately throughout the Second Regular Session for periods in excess of three consecutive days as the need, in the judgment of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, respectively, may arise.

*Whereas, The Indiana House of Representatives and the Senate met for the purpose of organization of each House to conduct the public business of the people of the State of Indiana;*

*Whereas, The House of Representatives and the Senate operate on their own respective schedules, having been separated from each other under IC 2-2.1-1-3(a)(2);*

*Whereas, During the consideration of legislative business, each House may, in the respective judgment of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, deem it necessary to adjourn and recess for periods in excess of three (3) consecutive days and to operate on a schedule different from the other House;*

*Whereas, Article 4, Section 10 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana states that neither House shall, without the consent of the other, adjourn for more than three (3) consecutive days;*

*Whereas, Each House desires to consent to any adjournment or recess by the other House that might last more than three (3) days during the Second Regular Session of the 120th Indiana General Assembly; and*

*Whereas, The House of Representatives and the Senate intend to recess after November 21, 2017, to conduct legislative business: Therefore,*

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



SECTION 1. That each House of the 120th Indiana General Assembly hereby consents to any adjournment or recess of the other House during the Second Regular Session of the 120th Indiana General Assembly for a period in excess of three (3) days, if such recess or adjournment is approved, in the case of the House of Representatives, by the Speaker of the House of Representatives or, in the case of the Senate, by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote. The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the passage of the resolution. Senate sponsors: Senators Long and Lanane.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that when we do adjourn, we adjourn until Wednesday, January 3, 2018, at 1:30 p.m.

LEHMAN

The motion was adopted by a constitutional majority.

On the motion of Representative Lehman, the House adjourned at 1:30 p.m., this twentieth day of November, 2017, until Monday, January 3, 2018, at 1:30 p.m.

BRIAN C. BOSMA

Speaker of the House of Representatives

M. CAROLINE SPOTTS

Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives