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The members of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Twenty-first General Assembly of the State of Indiana assembled in the House Chambers in the State House in the City of Indianapolis on Tuesday, the nineteenth day of November, 2019, 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 Bill Turner of the Community Church of Greenwood.

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

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

FILLING VACANT LEGISLATIVE OFFICES

District 31

June 12, 2019

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,

It is with mixed emotions I write you today to tender my resignation as the State Representative for House District 31 here in the great state of Indiana effective Wednesday, July 31st, 2019.

It has been a true honor to have been elected by the voters of my district in 2010 and to have been re-elected four times since then. I am very thankful for the confidence you had in me by appointing me as Chairman of the Government and Regulatory Reform committee my freshman year. My experiences have been very rewarding and the people I have met along the way are top shelf individuals. Many of the reasons I have enjoyed my tenure in the House of Representatives is because of the leadership you provided our caucus and the way you handled yourself in a bi-partisan way.

I will truly miss my colleagues in our caucus as well as the minority caucus. I am proud to say that I live, work, play, and have had the opportunity to have a small part in government in a state that knows how to treat others with respect while pushing for a conservative approach to how we lead our state.

Although my resignation was not planned, I simply was presented with a career opportunity that will allow me to enter my next chapter in life in an Executive role with a great company in the Indianapolis area, Community Health Network. This will cause me and my family to relocate to the north side of Indianapolis. Although I will surely miss all of

you in my current capacity, I know my family and I are excited about this opportunity.

Please know I will continue to support our supermajority from the sidelines as a Hoosier. If I may ever be of any assistance to you or others, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

Kevin Mahan
State Representative
House District 31

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 31, on July 31, 2019, due to the resignation of Representative Kevin Mahan, 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 31 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 July 30, 2019.

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 31 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 Ann Vermilion was selected by the aforesaid caucus to fill the vacancy existing in the Office of the Indiana House of Representatives, District 31;

(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 THE 30th DAY OF JULY, 2019:

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 thirty-first day of July, 2019.

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

**NOTIFICATION TO
SECRETARY OF STATE**

July 31, 2019

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 Ann Vermilion to represent State House District 31, filling the vacancy created by the resignation of Kevin Mahan. Representative Ann Vermilion was duly elected on July 30, 2019, in a caucus of precinct committee persons in District 31.

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 31, due to the resignation of Kevin Mahan, who was elected to that office as a candidate of the Indiana Republican Party;

WHEREAS, On July 30, 2019, a caucus composed of Republican Party precinct committeemen from Indiana House District 31 selected Ann Vermilion to fill the vacancy in Indiana House District 31;

WHEREAS, Kyle Hupfer, Chairman of the Indiana Republican Party, certified the selection of Ann Vermilion to fill the vacancy in office of Indiana State Representative, District 31, 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 Ann Vermilion has been selected to fill the vacancy existing in the office of Indiana State Representative, District 31.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the State of Indiana, at the City of Indianapolis, this First day of August, 2019, being the 244th year of the Independence of the United States, and the 203rd year of the Statehood of Indiana.

CONNIE LAWSON
Indiana Secretary of State

Representative-elect Ann Vermilion was sworn into office on August 14, 2019 by Chief Justice Rush. The oath of office is: "I, Ann Vermilion 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, Chief Justice Rush, this fourteenth day of August, 2019.

District 93

April, 2019

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

Dear Speaker Bosma,

I am officially informing you that I intend to resign my position as State Representative of House District 93 effective May 31, 2019.

Words can never express my gratitude for allowing me to be part of your leadership team for these many years. I enjoyed serving under your leadership.

Blessings to you, Brian and all the members of the House. May God grant you wisdom and compassion as you continue as our

State's Speaker of the House. Always bring glory to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Sincerely,
David Frizzell
State Representative
House District 93

**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 93 on May 31, 2019, due to the resignation of the Representative David Frizzell, 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 93 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 June 4, 2019;

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 93 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 Dollyne Sherman was selected by the aforesaid caucus to fill the vacancy existing in the Office of Indiana House District 93;

(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 4TH DAY OF JUNE, 2019:

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 fifth day of June 2019.

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

**NOTIFICATION TO
SECRETARY OF STATE**

June 5, 2019

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 Dollyne Sherman to represent State House District 93, filling the vacancy created by the resignation of David Frizzell. Representative Dollyne Sherman was duly elected on June 4, 2019, in a caucus of precinct committee persons in District 93.

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 93, due to the resignation of David Frizzell, who was elected to that office as a candidate of the Indiana Republican Party;

WHEREAS, On June 4, 2019, a caucus composed of Republican Party precinct committeemen from Indiana House District 93 selected Dollyne Sherman to fill the vacancy in Indiana House District 93;

WHEREAS, Kyle Hupfer, Chairman of the Indiana Republican Party, certified the selection of Dollyne Sherman to fill the vacancy in office of Indiana State Representative, District 93, 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 Dollyne Sherman has been selected to fill the vacancy existing in the office of Indiana State Representative, District 93.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the State of Indiana, at the City of Indianapolis, this 6th day of June, 2019, being the 243rd year of the Independence of the United States, and the 203rd year of the Statehood of Indiana.

CONNIE LAWSON
Indiana Secretary of State

Representative-elect Dollyne Sherman was sworn into office on June 10, 2019 by Justice Massa. The oath of office is: "I, Dollyne Sherman, 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 Massa, this tenth day of June, 2019.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

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

- (D) **Chris Campbell** (District 26, Tippecanoe County)
- (D) **Mara Candelaria Reardon** (District 12, Lake County)
- (R) **Martin J. Carbaugh** (District 81, Allen County)
- (R) **Robert W. Cherry** (District 53, Hancock and Madison Counties)
- (D) **Chris Chyung** (District 15, Lake County)
- (R) **Edward D. Clere** (District 72, Floyd County)
- (R) **Steven J. Davisson** (District 73, Clark, Harrison, Jackson, Lawrence, Orange, and Washington Counties)
- (D) **Edward O. DeLaney** (District 86, Marion County)
- (R) **Dale R. DeVon** (District 5, St. Joseph County)
- (D) **Ryan M. Dvorak** (District 8, LaPorte and St. Joseph Counties)
- (R) **Sean R. Eberhart** (District 57, Bartholomew, Hancock and Shelby Counties)
- (R) **Jeff Ellington** (District 62, Daviess, Greene, Martin, and Monroe Counties)
- (R) **Karen Engleman** (District 70, Clark, Floyd, and Harrison Counties)
- (D) **Sue E. Errington** (District 34, Delaware County)
- (D) **Rita Fleming** (District 71, Clark County)
- (R) **Randall L. Frye** (District 67, Dearborn, Decatur, Jefferson, Jennings, Ohio, Ripley, and Switzerland Counties)
- (D) **Philip K. GiaQuinta** (District 80, Allen County)
- (D) **Terry A. Goodin** (District 66, Clark, Jefferson, and Scott Counties)
- (R) **Charles D. Goodrich** (District 29, Hamilton County)
- (R) **Douglas L. Gutwein** (District 16, Fulton, Jasper, Newton, Pulaski, and Starke Counties)
- (D) **Earl Harris** (District 2, Lake County)
- (D) **Ragen H. Hatcher** (District 3, Lake County)
- (D) **Ryan D. Hatfield** (District 77, Vanderburgh County)
- (R) **Bob A. Heaton** (District 46, Clay, Monroe, Owen, and Vigo Counties)
- (R) **Dave Heine** (District 85, Allen County)
- (R) **Matthew D. Hostettler** (District 64, Gibson, Knox, Pike, Posey, and Vanderburgh Counties)
- (R) **Todd M. Huston** (District 37, Hamilton County)
- (D) **Carolyn Jackson** (District 1, Lake County)
- (R) **Jack Jordan** (District 17, Fulton and Marshall Counties)
- (R) **Christopher N. Judy** (District 83, Allen and Whitley Counties)
- (R) **Michael H. Karickhoff** (District 30, Grant and Howard Counties)
- (R) **Cynthia L. Kirchofer** (District 89, Marion County)
- (D) **Sheila A. Klinker** (District 27, Tippecanoe County)
- (R) **Ryan Lauer** (District 59, Bartholomew County)
- (R) **Donald J. Lehe** (District 25, Carroll, Cass, Clinton, Tippecanoe, and White Counties)
- (R) **Matthew S. Lehman** (District 79, Adams, Allen, and Wells Counties)
- (R) **David H. Abbott** (District 82, Allen, Elkhart, LaGrange, Noble, and Whitley Counties)
- (D) **Terri Jo Austin** (District 36, Madison County)
- (R) **Mike Aylesworth** (District 11, Lake and Porter Counties)
- (R) **Ronald A. Bacon** (District 75, Pike, Spencer, and Warrick Counties)
- (R) **Beau Baird** (District 44, Clay, Morgan, Owen, Parke, Putnam Counties)
- (R) **Bradford J. Barrett** (District 56, Wayne County)
- (R) **Stephen R. Bartels** (District 74, Crawford, Dubois, Orange, Perry, Spencer Counties)
- (D) **John L. Bartlett** (District 95, Marion County)
- (D) **B. Patrick Bauer** (District 6, St. Joseph County)
- (D) **Lisa Beck** (District 19, Lake and Porter Counties)
- (R) **Robert W. Behning** (District 91, Hendricks and Marion Counties)
- (R) **Bruce Borders** (District 45, Daviess, Greene, Knox, Sullivan, and Vigo Counties)
- (R) **Brian C. Bosma** (District 88, Hamilton, Hancock, and Marion Counties)
- (D) **Pat Boy** (District 9, LaPorte and Porter Counties)
- (R) **Timothy N. Brown** (District 41, Boone, Montgomery, and Tippecanoe Counties)
- (R) **Charles W. "Woody" Burton** (District 58, Johnson County)

(R) **Daniel J. Leonard** (District 50, Allen, Huntington and Wells Counties)

(R) **Shane Lindauer** (District 63, Daviess, Dubois, Martin, and Pike Counties)

(R) **Jim T. Lucas** (District 69, Bartholomew, Jackson, Jefferson, and Jennings Counties) (R)
Randy Lyness (District 68, Dearborn, Franklin, and Union Counties)

(D) **Karlee D. Macer** (District 92, Marion County)

(R) **Ethan E. Manning** (District 23, Cass, Fulton, and Miami Counties)

(R) **Chris D. May** (District 65, Brown, Jackson, Johnson, Lawrence, and Monroe Counties)

(R) **Peggy M. Mayfield** (District 60, Monroe and Morgan Counties)

(R) **Wendy M. McNamara** (District 76, Posey and Vanderburgh Counties)

(R) **Doug Miller** (District 48, Elkhart County)

(D) **Justin W. Moed** (District 97, Marion County)

(R) **Robert D. Morris** (District 84, Allen County)

(R) **Alan P. Morrison** (District 42, Clay, Fountain, Parke, Vermillion, Vigo, and Warren Counties)

(D) **Charles "Chuck" A. Moseley** (District 10, Porter County)

(R) **Sharon K. Negele** (District 13, Benton, Fountain, Jasper, Montgomery, Newton, Tippecanoe, Warren, and White Counties)

(R) **Curt Nisly** (District 22, Elkhart and Kosciusko Counties)

(D) **Tonya Pfaff** (District 43, Vigo County)

(D) **Matt Pierce** (District 61, Monroe County)

(D) **Gregory W. Porter** (District 96, Marion County)

(R) **J.D. Prescott** (District 33, Blackford, Delaware, Jay, and Randolph Counties)

(R) **Jim Pressel** (District 20, LaPorte and Starke Counties)

(D) **Cherrish S. Pryor** (District 94, Marion County)

(R) **Thomas E. Saunders** (District 54, Henry, Rush, and Wayne Counties)

(R) **Donna Schaibley** (District 24, Boone and Hamilton Counties)

(D) **Robin C. Shackelford** (District 98, Marion County)

(R) **Dollyne Sherman** (District 93, Johnson and Marion Counties)

(R) **Benjamin C. Smaltz** (District 52, Allen, Dekalb, and Steuben Counties)

(D) **Vernon G. Smith** (District 14, Lake County)

(R) **Edmond L. Soliday** (District 4, Porter County)

(R) **Michael R. Speedy** (District 90, Marion County)

(R) **Gregory E. Steuerwald** (District 40, Hendricks County)

(R) **Christy Stutzman** (District 49, Elkhart County)

(R) **Holli Anne Sullivan** (District 78, Vanderburgh and Warrick Counties)

(D) **Vanessa J. Summers** (District 99, Marion County)

(D) **Joe Taylor, III** (District 7, St. Joseph County)

(R) **Jeffrey A. Thompson** (District 28, Boone and Hendricks Counties)

(R) **Jerry Torr** (District 39, Hamilton County)

(R) **Heath R. VanNatter** (District 38, Carroll, Cass, Clinton, and Howard Counties)

(R) **Ann Vermilion** (District 31, Blackford, Delaware, Grant, and Wells Counties)

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

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

(D) **Melanie Wright** (District 35, Delaware and Madison Counties)

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

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

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

Roll Call 1: 97 present; 3 excused -[**Tony J. Cook** (District 32, Delaware, Grant, Hamilton, Howard, Madison, Tipton Counties), **Dan P. Forestal** (District 100, Marion County) and **Carey Hamilton** (District 87, Marion County)]. The Speaker announced a quorum in attendance.

OPENING REMARKS BY SPEAKER BRIAN C. BOSMA

Thank you and good afternoon. We'll have some business to conduct in just a little bit but as is our custom here, today is my day to say a few words at the outset of the second regular session of the 121st General Assembly.

First of all, I want to welcome family and friends of the elected officials. We have many of you here. We sincerely appreciate you being here today, and know that this is a team sport – and it's not just the leader that's on the team. It's your friends, it's your family, it's your spouses, your significant others, and I just want to take a moment to recognize all of you, and recognize my own wife, Cheryl, who has been the leader of team Bosma for a long time. Thank you, dear.

I also want to give a special welcome and thanks to the teachers that are here today. However many thousands that ended up being here – it was a lot. Welcome, we appreciate you being here.

We have a lot of educators on the floor here as well. If you are or have been a teacher, on a school board, worked for a school corporation or school, would you please rise and let us recognize you as well?

Cheryl and I have 15 educators, former and current, in our family, including both of our mothers. My mother-in-law, Jean, right here, who taught for nearly 40 years at Perry Meridian Middle School. And now our daughter, Allison Ailes, who is teaching the 4th grade, and I believe she and her class in Loveland, Colorado, are watching this right now. So, Mrs. Ailes and your team, good to have you on board. I would not want to be in that classroom, I've got to tell you – strict.

I said that about the 15 teachers because many of us, especially our family, understand that you are the most important professional for our state's future, and I don't mean just in the classroom. You are closest to our greatest natural

resource – our children. You teach them daily. You inspire them, and we appreciate you truly.

I even found out that my junior prom date is now teaching and was here, and we got to say “hi” to each other just a little bit ago. Susan Johnson, wherever you are, it was great to see you again after 43 years.

We understand that the job of teachers has changed as well. It’s not just unruly kids talking out of turn or maybe singing a song in class – I was known to have done this twice. You’ve got 21st century problems. It’s kids without food. Many without parents. Many with very dysfunctional, uninvolved or destructive families, and we understand you are called upon to do a lot. We also understand the reams of bureaucratic paperwork that are required, and we have tried to address that in the past but we will again. And you have a concern that wasn’t a concern when I was in school or when my mother taught school – and that’s violence. And not just your students’ safety but your own safety as well.

We understand these are big challenges, and I know many of you think legislators don’t get it. We do. We may not get it as well as you do, but we’ve talked with enough of you to know.

Our constant goal over the last 10 years – and I’ve looked back through every speech I’ve given here for 12 of the last 16 years as speaker – talked about the importance of teachers. Each one talked about the need to cut red tape, and give them the resources and flexibility to inspire students, keep them safe and empower teachers to teach. We’ll get back to the teachers in just a little bit because I want to talk specifically to you.

Now to the session ahead. It seems most everyone in Washington, D.C. has lost their minds. I say “most” because immediately when I said that yesterday the press asked if I was including Vice President Pence in this. Still trying to drive that wedge. I said, “No, everybody but Mike Pence is crazy in Washington, D.C.” And they’re ignoring critical issues, and there are important issues to Hoosiers that are languishing now while both sides are engaged in the battle they’re engaged in.

The North American Free Trade Agreement or USMCA is so important to Hoosier farmers and the Ag industry. It is critical. Smart immigration reform is important, not just to our Ag community but our workforce here. And unlike us here in Indiana, the federal budget is so out of balance, and it doesn’t seem anybody is doing anything about it. In contrast, here in Indiana, we are going to remain on the right track.

In my first session in 1987, I was sitting right about where Representative Jordan is sitting. A back bencher. I don’t know if you knew you were a back bencher, but you are. And I clearly knew it in 1987. A few of you that were here will recall that we honored Father Theodore Hesburgh here in the chamber after his 35 years of service as the president of Notre Dame. You may not know this about me, but I write down things that are said. I have written down some of the crazier and more humorous things you all have said, too. I’ll share those with you another time. But I wrote down a couple things that Father Hesburgh said that day. He said, “The very essence of leadership is that you have a vision. It’s got to be a vision you articulate clearly and forcefully on every occasion. You cannot blow an uncertain trumpet.” And I took that to heart, never forgetting that statement. I have tried to lead my team, our state and this chamber in a clearly articulated course ever since.

A little more than a decade ago — I am not going to go through all the details, but it is worth saying — we dragged the nation in government transparency, job creation, technology, parents’ voices in their children’s education, our

business tax environment, road infrastructure and especially fiscal discipline.

When I made a practice of pointing these statistics out both here and in the public, a former Democrat governor was approached by the media, and going through these details they said, “What do you say about this?” He said, “I’m a half glass full kind of guy and apparently, Representative Bosma is a glass half empty kind of guy.” When I was approached by the media to respond to him, my response was, “Why does Indiana have to settle for half a glass?” We have worked hard together to make Indiana’s glass full ever since.

Because of the hard work and vision articulated in this chamber over the last 15 years – clearly and forcefully as Father Hesburgh would say – while we are not perfect, Indiana is really the envy of the nation on the fiscal and business front.

We are 1 of 12 states with a AAA credit rating. We have the lowest unemployment in nearly 20 years, and at 3.2 percent, it is lower than all of our surrounding states and significantly below the national average. We have strong financial reserves, our buffer against an eminent downturn. At some point in the future, it will happen.

We are rated as No. 1 in the Midwest for business, job creation, economic momentum, tax environment, and on the shortlist nationally by nearly a dozen organizations from the Tax Foundation to Business Facilities Magazine’s Best Business Climate ratings, Forbes, Chief Executive Magazine, CNBC and many more.

With the Energizer battery facility that’s just been announced, south of here in central Indiana, with the Salesforce move to Indianapolis, and the Infosys training center that’s going to bring 10,000 technology jobs to Indiana, we are almost there.

One of the things I have been telling people is that I have checked a lot of boxes here, but one of them I am disappointed that didn’t get checked over the last 20 years was making Indiana the Midwest tech hub. I heard yesterday the president of Energizer, as he was talking about the new facility in Franklin, refer to Central Indiana as the tech hub for the Midwest. We also now rank second in the nation in the growth of software jobs.

We’ve downsized government. We’ve reduced burdensome regulations. We’ve eliminated dozens of boards and hundreds of bureaucratic positions. And now we’re rated No. 3 in regulatory environment in the nation by Forbes and No. 5 by the Cato Institute.

On the infrastructure front, we had some hard-fought battles in 2016 and 2017 to try to get, not everybody in this chamber, but especially people on the other side of the building, to look at investment in infrastructure as an investment in the future and not just an expense item. If you haven’t noticed those orange barrels all over the place, I keep telling my family don’t worry, it will get better. But we’re the only state in the nation with a 20-year, fully funded road program with no debt on our children.

While doing all of this, unlike our neighbors, we downsized government. We eliminated waste. We paid off \$2.5 billion in outstanding debt, which makes the revenue stream all the better in the future. We’ve cut taxes or eliminated them 14 times in the last 15 years, including the largest tax cut in our state’s history, and the lowest property taxes in the Midwest. That’s a record we can all be proud of.

We’ve also reformed this institution, and for some of you newer people, this is going to sound like a fantasyland. But let

me tell you a few of the things we've done. In my first session as speaker, I repealed lifetime, taxpayer-paid insurance for legislators. My former chief of staff, Leslie Hiner, who was by my side as we did that, it was a difficult fight. But if you could believe it, this body and that body, known or unknown to the participants, passed a provision that required the state to pay for a former legislator's insurance for the rest of their life, even when they were on Medicare. We repealed that in 2006.

In 2005, we opened the door to this chamber. I was looking through my notes and it said I wanted to open the hallways of government to the average person and put our proceedings on the internet. In 2011, the second time I served as speaker, we opened every committee room to the internet. We have microphones for people in the room to hear. We have seating outside committee rooms so the public can actually see what's going on.

We created the Office of the Inspector General to root out corruption. We changed our own rules here to eliminate wasted time and resources by limiting our bill introduction numbers and eliminating surprise floor amendments. Those were kind of the good old days, actually. There was also humor in that. We brought an end to the practice – new people, if you can believe this – the committee chair showing up to a committee with a handful of proxies and no other majority members of the committee. Two members of the minority show up, there's a quorum and votes went down like cards. Yes, yes, yes. We don't do that anymore.

We required 24 hours for the public, the press and our own members to review the budget. Now that may sound like old hat, but the first five or six budgets I voted on, I was handed a red-hot stack of 200 pages at about 11:58 p.m., and told we're going to vote on this now, Republicans and Democrats. We're going to vote on this now and figure out what's in it later. Does that sound familiar to Washington, D.C.? Because of all these reforms, our state is now ranked No. 1 in the nation for budget transparency, and we rank as the best state government in the nation by U.S. News and World Report.

Now, while this is not a budget session, I do believe it's appropriate, since we have so many educators within ear shot, that we talk a little bit about what we've done in education. In just the last several years, we've made record investment in our public schools, and I don't just mean the most money. I mean the most money added. Adding three quarters of a billion dollars to a \$7 billion pie in the last budget. The state paid \$150 million of local school corporation's obligations in the future. We pay \$150 million out of one-time state funds – to free up \$70 million at the local school corporation level, which they would have had to pay over the next half dozen or so years. And we did it with a clear message, it was private, but we told them we want this money to go to teachers and we'll be watching you report back. And we will. K-12 education funding today constitutes 50.2% of our state's general fund expenditures. That's more than every other area – public safety, prisons, every agency and our own funds – more than all of that combined now goes to K-12 schools.

We're third in the nation, behind Kansas and Vermont, for the percentage of state expenditures that go exclusively to K-12 education. In 2015, we established the Teacher Appreciation Grants with \$75 million in the current budget that will go straight to teachers, no middle man, to every effective teacher in the state. We passed a teacher tax credit – wish it was more but the Senate wouldn't do it. We have a teacher tax credit because we know you all pay for supplies out of your own pocket when your school can't do it. And while nationally recognized as a school safety leader, we put \$100 million in improving school security, so our students and their teachers can feel safe.

One of the items I'm proud of is we established the Next Generation Hoosier Educator Scholarship, and we now have over 600 of Indiana's top students that are receiving those grants to put them through education school and man the classrooms like many here today. We funded full-day kindergarten, preschool grants and expanded preschool grants after that. We heard teachers and administrators who said ISTEP is terrible, actually I had to clean that part up, and we replaced it with ILEARN. Well, you all asked for it, and we did it. It's shorter. It's easier to grade. You get the results back faster. We have to have accountability in testing, in schools. We'll talk in a minute about whether it should play a part.

Despite 10 years of prioritizing teacher pay and record increases in tuition support, the needle has not moved significantly for teacher pay. We realize that. Frankly, for many of you, the problem is not the General Assembly, and I'm going to give you a few statistics to back that up.

Since my first time as speaker, the Office of Management and Budget has annually tracked dollars to the classroom. We had a stated goal of 65% of all funds making it to teachers and their classroom. We're not there, and frankly, we've lost ground in this regard. Today, only 58% of the dollars received by schools make it directly to the classroom, and it's not vouchers, and it's not charter schools that are the villains here.

United States Department of Education figures show that while there are 3% fewer teachers and 3% fewer students than 10 years ago, there has been a 31% increase in administrative positions. And I'm not talking clerical. I'm not talking bus drivers. I'm not talking maintenance. These are administrators in Indiana schools. A 3% reduction in teachers, and 31% increase in administrators. We now have the third lowest share of full-time employees of our K-12 system as certified teachers. The number is 41%. So of all the employees in our public schools, only 41% are certified teachers.

We tried to address this last year. Actually, we began addressing it two years ago by dividing operating costs from other expenditures. State money goes into the operating fund. This past session, we stated to schools that we want to see 85% of that money go to teachers. And while we didn't mandate it, we mandated reporting. And I can tell you that there are a lot of people in this room that are going to keep a very close eye on the numbers reported and take appropriate action.

We have to continue to find ways as I said, and we sincerely do, to treat teachers as professional faculty and not factory workers, and we took steps on that last year as well. We worked with the state teachers association and adopted a career ladder model, which will give master teachers the opportunity to mentor the next generation of classroom leaders. We also established the teacher residency program, so teachers can have a year-long enhancement of their education experience with hands-on experience, and we funded those initiatives with \$4.5 million out of the General Fund.

In short, teachers: We get it. We get that you're frustrated. We get that you're concerned about issues, and one of those issues will be our first priority in the House this session. On Oct. 23, I sent a letter to the Indiana State Board of Education and the superintendent, from Senator Bray and myself, indicating that our very first order of business in the House will be to adopt a hold harmless provision from the ILEARN testing results this year.

Because of that letter, Teacher Appreciation Grants will go to all effective teachers not based on the new results, which are

always lower for a new test and new standards, but for last year's results. We also need to take a hard look, if we can do it this session, on eliminating – separating entirely – teacher assessments and testing. There's a difference of opinion on how to do that, but hopefully we can get through that in the next short, nine and a half weeks.

That's a long list of education issues for the short session, but we're going to work through them. There will be many other things that we'll deal with as well. Hoosier health and health care have to be top priorities. I announced yesterday along with several of the members, my intent to support raising the smoking age and the vaping age to 21. Our Hoosier students need this. I've had discussions with parents of high schoolers, and believe it or not, middle schoolers, where this is now pervasive. Now is the time to move that legal age to 21.

On the health care front, several studies that we've all looked at recently have shown what many of us suspected – that Hoosiers whether you're a teacher or a lawyer or homemaker – Hoosiers spend more on health care than most of our other states, certainly those that surround us. Our summer study committees have been working hard on a comprehensive transparency portal, so that the average Hoosier, employers, insurers, corporations, can look to compare the costs of various procedures and make choices in accordance with that. I talked to physicians who had no clue, when presented with it, what a cost of a procedure is. They just don't think about it sometimes. They know the procedure, and they want it done. They're going to have that opportunity as well to see exactly what's being billed.

And teachers, we know you have too many regulations on you. We've tried to repeal some. We're going to try again this session. We're looking for a very good dialogue on exactly what you think needs to happen to remove burdensome regulations, and we'll consider it. We've actually asked this many times, and we hear there's burdensome regulations, but we don't get specifics. So there's so many of you here today, you're going to have a lot of ideas, and we're open to hearing them.

We'll continue to debate these issues and many others this session, and we're going to do it in the same bipartisan and civil way we've done it in past sessions. I want to thank specifically Representative GiaQuinta, Representative Reardon and Representative Pryor – thank you for working so closely with us last year to have a bipartisan year, even if we disagree. We really appreciate you.

One other area we have worked closely on over the last decade has been something that my team started in 2011 and that is the joint service project. Together, we've supported the Special Olympics, supplying food banks through Feeding Indiana's Hungry, the Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence, the Boys and Girls Clubs, the Salvation Army's efforts in the past couple years to feed children at the holiday, and we provided IARCA support for foster and adoptive care. We even built and furnished a house together on the south lawn, and that was a lot of fun, for Habitat for Humanity.

This year, our House partner will be the Indiana Chapter of the American Legion to help homeless Hoosier veterans. We've learned a lot about this issue in the last couple of months. While there has been a general downturn in homelessness for veterans in Indiana, there was actually a 6% increase for homeless veterans in the last year. We have some representatives here today with us. The American Legion Indiana Commander Allen Connelly, the Director of Rehabilitation John Hickey, and the Legislative Chair Kenny Cooper. Thank you for being with us gentlemen.

Representative GiaQuinta and I look forward to announcing all those details on our first day back and we'll keep you all posted on that.

I wrote down another quote from Father Hesburgh that same day, and it stuck with me too. He said, "My basic principle is that you don't make decisions because they are easy; you don't make them because they are cheap; you don't make them because they're popular; you make them because they're right." My team has heard many times my version of that motto, which is "just do what's right and let the politics shake out for itself."

Well, it's time for me to do what's right as well, and I'm going to close with that in mind. There's been a lot of speculation over the past six months about what is in store for the future for me, and I am going to share that with you as I close today. This coming session will be my 34th as a legislator, two prior to that as a staffer at the Department of Education, 20 prior to that as a family member of an elected legislator – my father who served both in the House and Senate. I've been around here for a long time.

In the next two weeks, our caucus will meet and select a speaker-elect, who I plan to work with throughout this session. Let them see every bit of the job – the good, the bad and the ugly, and it's all there. And then, at the end of this session I will be stepping down from the speakership and won't be running for re-election. It's my hope that whichever individual is selected from our team will be sworn in as the new speaker as session nears its closure on March 11. You should write that date down – March 11. The calendar says March 13 – NCAA finals are the 12th and 13th.

And I've accepted a new challenge. I'm going to be the national chair of the Republican Legislative Campaign Committee. From here – it's in D.C, but I'm not moving anywhere. And my goal will be to take the success – both politically and policy-wise – that we've enjoyed here in Indiana to other states in the nation. We're looking forward to that challenge.

Now, if I have any clients that are watching this, I'm not leaving my law firm – Kroger, Gardis and Regas. I'm going to continue practicing law as well, and Cheryl and I are going to have a little time together.

Cheryl, of course, has been involved in this discussion for a long time, and we've just kind of talked about some of the cherished experiences we've had during 34 years of service, 37 years of marriage. Neither of our kids were born when I was first elected, and we've had both of them not just grow up to be great kids, but watch them graduate to their respective professions, get married and have successful careers. So Mrs. Ailes, we love you. Dr. Bosma, if you are up from your overnight residency, we love you as well. And your spouses.

During that time, we've had three parents and a sibling pass. I took two trips to a remote village in Haiti, where food and water were very rare commodities, and it was really a perspective changer.

On the political side, 17 successful elections. I've had the chance to represent our state in 15 foreign countries on various trade missions. I've had the mantle of defending public prayer placed on my shoulder, both in federal court here and in the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals. I'll never forget our first balanced budget with no tax increase. It seems just like an everyday event now – it was a big deal in 2005. And I will never forget Mitch Daniels saying the only way we can do it was to raise taxes, and me giving a quick civics lesson on the power of the speaker and the power of the governor, not to raise taxes.

I'm the only speaker in our state's history that reached across the aisle and appointed members of the minority party as committee chairs. I have to tell you, I brought this up at the National Speakers Conference the year after that happened. I had the speaker from Alaska who wanted to have a discussion about issues with Republicans and Democrats there. The chair of the group, the Speaker of Alaska, said, "I would never do that in a million years." And that was the end of it.

After that, I had my now good friend, Phil Gunn from Mississippi, the Mississippi Speaker, come up to me and say, "Well, Speaker Bosma, I saw what you did and I did it, too." And I said, "Well, why didn't you say something?" And he goes, "Well, I'm not taking that kind of abuse!"

You may find this unusual, but presiding over the longest legislative walk-out in U.S. history, I will never forget, and I'm guessing some of you in the room won't forget as well. I got pretty calm after I figured out the only exit plan from Illinois was to make me "blow." So, I was very calm after that.

The large number of people that have gathered in this chamber, I'll never forget. Not just today, we had 15,000 union workers here. We had 2,000 cosmetologists here. I have to tell you that two of my favorite days in 34 years were the two days when the 15,000 union workers and the 2,000 cosmetologists were all outside. It was just such a contrast, and there was a lot of interaction. I didn't want to know anymore than that.

Together, we successfully navigated the deepest recession since the Great Depression and the slowest recovery, and it was not easy. But we did so together, and we did it responsibly.

I've spoken at about a dozen members' funerals, including Roland Stine's when he was killed in 2003 on the way home from the last night of session by a drunk driver. I've really enjoyed the Speaker's Teacher of the Year Kitchen Cabinet, which guided us three years ago on a lot of issues important to teachers.

I've had the chance to work with seven governors, and knew two more well enough to speak at their funerals, three Senate presidents and seven House Democrat leaders – all working together to make Indiana all she can be. And ultimately, I feel like we have accomplished – Cheryl and I – our original public service goal, which was to serve Hoosiers and make Indiana the best place to live, work and raise a family.

But the most memorable item of the last 34 years hasn't been the policy. It hasn't been the debate, the arguments or the votes. It's really been the people. I've got to start with my two co-elected leaders, Matt Lehman and Greg Steuerwald, thank you so much for your work. You're joined today by your predecessors, Kathy Richardson – where are you, Kathy? Right here. And Bill Friend.

We've got some staff here, people that are very special to me: Cathy Robinson and Christi Egenolf, who's hiding somewhere; my former chief of staff, Leslie Heiner; my legal assistant, Andrea Keck, who has put up with this and maybe answered as many calls as our staff has over the last 20 years.

We've got some really good friends here – Cheryl's mom, brother and sister-in-law. And then our very close friends: Pastor Bill and Sandy Turner; Dave Barnard, whose wife couldn't be here today; and Jake and Kyle Allen. I've got to tell you a quick story about how I met Bill.

I was setting a pick 30 years ago – maybe 35 years ago – at the old gym on 10th Street or thereabouts. And Bill learned the lesson of hitting an immovable object and was sprawled on the ground. And I said, "Hey, I'm sorry. What is your

name?" And he said, "Bill Turner." And I said, "Well, let's be friends." And we have been ever since.

There's some special people in this room, and I'm going to get in trouble for naming some names because I'll leave somebody out. But Doc, Woody, Dave: we have been through almost 30 years of this, and you all have stood shoulder-to-shoulder with me in good times and bad. Honestly, there are so many people here I could individually pick out. I told our caucus, when I announced this to them before, and I walked down here and told Leader GiaQuinta, that this a remarkable place. Now, I may change my mind about that at the end of this session, right? But this is a remarkable place where we get along. We may disagree, we may disagree very much so, very strongly, but we cast a vote and we move on to the next item. It wasn't last session, but it wasn't too many sessions ago when 99% of the bills that passed both houses had some votes from both parties. It's been a remarkable bipartisan effort by Republicans and Democrats, and we really can't lose sight of that as we watch what's going on in D.C.

Well, you're not done with me yet. I'm going to be here until the end of this next session. But it will be a transition for this House. It will be a transition for Cheryl and I. She gave a card to me a couple of weeks ago. I'm not going to read the inside, but I am going to read the outside. It says, "All endings are also beginnings, we just don't know it at the time." To you, thank you for the honor, once again, of serving as your Speaker. To our guests, staff, others who are here, we thank you for being with us today. I want to thank the teachers one more time. We get it. You're important. We hear you, and we'll do what we can to help.

In closing, I just want to pray that God will bless each of us here and through us, all Hoosiers. 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 Prescott, Vermilion, Deal and Jackson.

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.

PRESCOTT
VERMILION

DEAL
JACKSON

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 Lauer, Sherman, Bauer and Klinker.

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.

LAUER
SHERMAN

BAUER
KLINKER

Report adopted.

RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING

House Concurrent Resolution 1

Representatives Bosma and GiaQuinta introduced House Concurrent Resolution 1:

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION to allow the House of Representatives and the Senate of the 121st 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 121st Indiana General Assembly; and

Whereas, The House of Representatives and the Senate intend to recess after November 19, 2019, 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 121st Indiana General Assembly hereby consents to any adjournment or recess of the other House during the Second Regular Session of the 121st 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.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to inform the Senate of the passage of the Resolution.

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 Bray and Lanane.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that when we do adjourn, we adjourn until Monday, January 6, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

LEHMAN

The motion was adopted by a constitutional majority.

On the motion of Representative Wolkins, the House adjourned at 2:01 p.m., this nintieth day of November, 2019, until Monday, January 6, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

BRIAN C. BOSMA
Speaker of the House of Representatives

M. CAROLINE SPOTTS
Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives