



INDIANA COMMISSION *for* HIGHER EDUCATION

State of Indiana
Commission for Higher Education

Resolution Honoring Dr. Ken Sauer

January 30, 2025

WHEREAS, Dr. Ken Sauer dedicated nearly four decades to the State of Indiana and the Indiana Commission for Higher Education, bringing an unwavering commitment to academic excellence, and increasing opportunities for educational attainment for all Hoosiers; and

WHEREAS, during Ken's tenure, which spanned seven governorships, he led the Commission's Academic Affairs and Quality Committee where he oversaw the review and approval of thousands of degree programs and many strategic initiatives such as the creation of Indiana's comprehensive community college system through legislative action; and

WHEREAS, Ken coordinated Commission activities for the statutory infrastructure of Indiana's credit transfer system, positioning Indiana as a national leader in transfer; and

WHEREAS, he developed the Statewide Transfer and Articulation Committee, the 88-course Core Transfer Library, the Indiana College Core, and the 23 Transfer Single Articulation Pathways (TSAPs), not to mention exam course equivalencies for AP, CLEP, IB, and the Cambridge International; and

WHEREAS, he harnessed technological innovations to advance higher education in the twenty-first century such as eTranscripts, the Indiana Credential Registry, and the TransferIN and My College Core websites; and

WHEREAS, he helped launch the nationally transformative effort, the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA), which Indiana was the first to join and still relies upon today; and

WHEREAS, Ken maintained active involvement and held leadership positions with many key organizations inside and outside of Indiana, such as MHEC, Indiana's Board for Proprietary Education, HLC, NC-SARA, M-SARA, and SHEEO; and

WHEREAS, prior to joining the Commission, Ken worked for the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems, where he provided leadership on a federal contract to produce the Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP Codes) which the Center still uses annually for collecting data from all U.S. colleges and universities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Indiana Commission for Higher Education expresses its deep appreciation and gratitude to Dr. Ken Sauer for his leadership, thoughtfulness, and



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guidance as he concludes his long and distinguished career in public service, and we wish him well in this next chapter of his life.