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**HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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Mahan, Bosma, Arnold L, Austin, Aylesworth, Bacon, Baird, Bartlett, Bauer, Behning, Beumer, Borders, Braun, Brown T, Burton, Carbaugh, Cherry, Clere, Cook, Cox, Culver, Davisson, DeLaney, Dermody, DeVon, Eberhart, Errington, Fine, Forestal, Friend, Frizzell, Frye R, GiaQuinta, Goodin, Gutwein, Hale, Hamm, Harman, Harris, Heaton, Huston, Judy, Karickhoff, Kirchhofer, Koch, Lawson L, Lehe, Lehman, Leonard, Lucas, Mayfield, McMillin, McNamara, Miller D, Morris, Morrison, Moseley, Negele, Niezgodski, Nisly, Ober, Olthoff, Pelath, Pierce, Price, Pryor, Rhoads, Richardson, Riecken, Saunders, Schaibley, Slager, Smaltz, Smith M, Smith V, Soliday, Speedy, Stemler, Steuerwald, Sullivan, Thompson, Torr, Truitt, Ubelhor, VanNatter, Washburne, Wesco, Wolkins, Wright, Zent, Ziemke

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Whereas, The Purple Heart, the nation's oldest military decoration currently in use, was initially created by General George Washington in 1782 as the Badge of Military Merit;

Whereas, The Purple Heart was the first American service award or decoration made available to the common soldier and awarded specifically to any United States Armed Services member who was wounded or killed in combat with a declared enemy of the United States;

Whereas, The mission of the Military Order of the Purple Heart is to "foster an environment of good will among the combat-wounded veteran members and their families, promote patriotism, support legislative initiatives, and most importantly, to ensure we never forget the sacrifices of these Purple Heart veterans";

Whereas, A large number of Indiana residents have made the ultimate sacrifice in armed conflicts around the world, and Hoosiers have been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in combat;

Whereas, Hoosiers throughout the great state of Indiana have great admiration, gratitude, and respect for these men and women who have selflessly served their country and Indiana in the armed forces;



Whereas, Veterans have paid the high price of freedom by leaving their families and communities and placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all;

Whereas, The contributions and sacrifices of the men and women who have served in the armed forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by the citizens of the United States;

Whereas, Many men and women have given their lives while serving in the armed forces;

Whereas, Many citizens of our state have been awarded the Purple Heart as a result of having been wounded while engaged in combat with an enemy force, which is recognized as a singularly meritorious act of essential service; and

Whereas, It is fitting and proper to recognize and honor Purple Heart recipients, past and present, and to acknowledge them for their sacrifices: Therefore,

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

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes and
2 honors the service and sacrifice of our nation's men and women in
3 uniform who were wounded or killed by the enemy while serving to
4 protect the freedom enjoyed by all Americans.

