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# HOUSE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_

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*Introduced by: Garcia Wilburn, Jeter*

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- 1           A HOUSE RESOLUTION honoring John Kautzman.
- 2           *Whereas, John Kautzman passed away on October 20, 2025,*  
3           *at the age of 66;*
- 4           *Whereas, John was a lifelong Indianapolis resident and*  
5           *attended North Central High School. He graduated from*  
6           *Indiana University in 1981 and the Indiana University Robert*  
7           *H. McKinney School of Law in 1984;*
- 8           *Whereas, Upon graduation from law school, he joined the*  
9           *Ruckelshaus Kautzman Blackwell law firm, where he worked*  
10          *for 40 years. His focus was on both state and federal criminal*  
11          *and civil litigation, trying more than 100 first chair jury trials;*
- 12          *Whereas, John spent his career working with the Fraternal*  
13          *Order of Police, advocating for and defending police officers,*

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1     *and he was bestowed with the National Fraternal Order of*  
2     *Police Attorney of the Year Award in 2023;*

3     *Whereas, John was also involved with the Indianapolis Bar*  
4     *Association, being elected president in 2005 and serving on its*  
5     *board of directors, and he was honored with the Luminary*  
6     *Award, the Indianapolis Bar Association's highest distinction;*

7     *Whereas, John was elected to a fellowship in the American*  
8     *College of Trial Lawyers, a professional association whose*  
9     *membership is limited by invitation to just one percent of the*  
10    *state's lawyers;*

11    *Whereas, John is survived by his wife of 16 years, Kit, and*  
12    *their children, David, Kate, and Julia; and*

13    *Whereas, John Kautzman dedicated his career to studying*  
14    *and advancing the law in Indianapolis, and he hoped to be*  
15    *remembered as a loving husband and family presence, an*  
16    *accomplished lawyer and musician, and a really great friend:*  
17    *Therefore,*

18           *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the*  
19           *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

20    SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives  
21    honors John Kautzman.

22    SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
23    Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to State  
24    Representative Victoria Garcia Wilburn for distribution.

