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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. _____

Introduced by: Smith V, McNamara

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION celebrating the golden
2 anniversary of the Indiana Youth Services Association.

3 *Whereas, The Indiana Youth Services Association (IYSA) has*
4 *served Indiana's young people, families, and communities for*
5 *over 50 years and recently celebrated its golden anniversary,*
6 *demonstrating enduring leadership and innovation in youth*
7 *prevention, diversion, and well-being programs;*

8 *Whereas, IYSA's statewide network of Youth Service Bureaus*
9 *and community partners delivers comprehensive support that*
10 *helps youth succeed in school, at home, and in the community;*

11 *Whereas, IYSA operates signature statewide programs,*
12 *including Youth Service Bureaus, The Journey fellowship*
13 *program, the Indiana Trafficking Victims Assistance Program*
14 *(ITVAP), the Child and Youth Care Credential, Safe Place,*

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Making Good Decisions (MGD), and the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Indiana Coalition, aligning practice with data-informed outcomes and cross-system collaboration;

Whereas, During the most recent program year, IYSA and its statewide network served approximately 275,000 youth, providing prevention programs, crisis intervention, family supports, mentoring, and positive youth development opportunities, and educated 228,434 youth and 137,596 adults about these essential services;

Whereas, Through community-based alternatives, truancy prevention, and diversion strategies, IYSA and its partners prevented an estimated 3,064 youth from entering or re-entering juvenile detention, helping reduce system involvement while improving safety and long-term outcomes, and saving Indiana millions of dollars;

Whereas, IYSA's collaborative work with courts, probation, schools, behavioral health providers, victim service organizations, and law enforcement strengthens local coordinated service planning and advances public safety through 24,978 advocacy efforts and 40,595 referrals for youth and families; and

Whereas, Indiana's prosperity depends on the health, safety, and potential of its youth, and IYSA's mission continues to exemplify the ideal of "Creating a Brighter, Safer Future for Indiana Youth and Families": Therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives celebrates the golden anniversary of the Indiana Youth Services Association and recognizes the impact the IYSA has had on Hoosier youth and their communities.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit copies of this resolution to State Representative Vernon Smith for distribution.

