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# HOUSE RESOLUTION No.

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*Introduced by: Smith V. McNamara*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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