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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

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1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION recognizing the Daughters of
2 the American Revolution and the National Society of the Sons
3 of the American Revolution, and celebrating the 250th
4 anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

5 *Whereas, The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)*
6 *is a non-profit, non-political volunteer women's service*
7 *organization founded in 1890 and headquartered in*
8 *Washington, D.C.;*

9 *Whereas, DAR is dedicated to promoting patriotism,*
10 *preserving American history, and securing America's future*
11 *through better education for children;*

12 *Whereas, DAR members volunteer millions of service hours*
13 *annually in their local communities, including supporting*
14 *active duty military personnel and assisting veteran patients,*

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1 *awarding thousands of dollars in scholarships and financial*
 2 *aid each year to students, and supporting schools for*
 3 *underserved children with annual donations exceeding one*
 4 *million dollars;*

5 *Whereas, DAR prides itself on being one of the most*
 6 *inclusive genealogical societies in the country, and they boast*
 7 *nearly 190,000 members in 3,000 chapters across the United*
 8 *States and abroad, including Australia, Austria, the Bahamas,*
 9 *Canada, France, Germany, Guam, Ireland, Italy, Japan,*
 10 *Mexico, Spain, and the United Kingdom. Any woman 18 years*
 11 *or older, regardless of race, religion, or ethnic background,*
 12 *who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American*
 13 *Revolution, is eligible for membership;*

14 *Whereas, DAR's motto is "God, Home, and Country";*

15 *Whereas, In 1876, in San Francisco, California, a group of*
 16 *men who were descendants of patriots involved in the American*
 17 *Revolution formed an organization called the Sons of*
 18 *Revolutionary Sires intending to create a fraternal and civic*
 19 *society to salute those men and women who pledged their lives,*
 20 *fortunes, and sacred honor to the battle for independence from*
 21 *Great Britain;*

22 *Whereas, The Sons of Revolutionary Sires grew into the*
 23 *National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR),*
 24 *which was organized on April 30, 1889, the one hundredth*
 25 *anniversary of the inauguration of George Washington as the*
 26 *nation's first president, and the United States Congress passed*
 27 *an act to charter the National Society on June 9, 1906, which*
 28 *was signed into law by President Theodore Roosevelt, who was*
 29 *also a member of the Empire State Society, SAR;*

30 *Whereas, SAR was conceived as a fraternal and civic society*
 31 *composed of lineal descendants of the patriots who wintered at*
 32 *Valley Forge, signed the Declaration of Independence, fought*
 33 *in the battles of the American Revolution, served in the*
 34 *Continental Congress, or otherwise supported the cause of*
 35 *American Independence;*

36 *Whereas, SAR seeks to maintain and extend the institutions*



1 *of American freedom, patriotism, and respect for national*
2 *symbols, including, but not limited to, promoting pride in being*
3 *American citizens and the unifying force of the country's motto,*
4 *"e pluribus unum";*

5 *Whereas, The Second Continental Congress adopted the*
6 *Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, and the*
7 *engrossed copy was signed by most of the delegates on August*
8 *2, 1776;*

9 *Whereas, July 4, 2026, will mark the 250th anniversary of*
10 *the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, and August 2,*
11 *2026, will mark the 250th anniversary of its signing;*

12 *Whereas, The signing of the Declaration of Independence*
13 *marked the formal dissolution of the ties of the 13 American*
14 *colonies with Great Britain, the beginning of their statehood*
15 *and national identity, and the dawning of a new era of freedom*
16 *in America and the world;*

17 *Whereas, These Founding Fathers, relying on the direction*
18 *from and protection of Divine Providence, pledged to each*
19 *other their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor in*
20 *defense of this action;*

21 *Whereas, The Declaration of Independence paved the way*
22 *for the birth of the Republic and it has become part of the*
23 *national culture, with its principles ingrained in the*
24 *consciousness of all Americans;*

25 *Whereas, The fundamental genius of the United States is*
26 *embodied in the Declaration's recognition that "all men are*
27 *created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with*
28 *certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty,*
29 *and the Pursuit of Happiness"; and*

30 *Whereas, The Declaration of Independence affirms that*
31 *governments are instituted to protect those rights, and the*
32 *Declaration acknowledged these self-evident truths, which*
33 *constituted one of the most revolutionary philosophical*
34 *developments in history and began an unparalleled national*
35 *experiment: Therefore,*



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

3 SECTION 1. That the House of Representatives recognizes
4 the Daughters of the American Revolution and the National
5 Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, and celebrates
6 the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of
7 Independence.

8 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
9 Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to State
10 Representative Tim Yocum for distribution.

