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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

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1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION honoring Emily Schwartz
2 Keirns for receiving the Best of the Best award.

3 *Whereas, Emily Schwartz Keirns is an administrator at East
4 Allen County Schools (EACS) and teaches English language
5 learners, who are primarily non-native English speakers;*

6 *Whereas, The Indiana Teachers of English to Speakers of
7 Other Languages (INTESOL) honored her with their Best of the
8 Best award;*

9 *Whereas, The 10,000-student district has about 1,600
10 English language learners for the 2025-26 academic year,
11 representing a 41 percent increase since the 2021-22 academic
12 year, according to the Indiana Department of Education. While
13 English language learners are spread across EACS schools,
14 they are predominantly found in classrooms in southeast Fort*

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1 *Wayne. According to state data, these students account for 63
2 percent of enrollment at Southwick Elementary School, 53
3 percent at Prince Chapman Academy, and 40 percent at Paul
4 Harding Junior High School;*

5 *Whereas, Emily Schwartz Keirns joined EACS as its Title III
6 director, responsible for overseeing the use of Title III grant
7 funds. Her objective is to ensure that English language learners
8 achieve proficiency in English and meet state academic
9 standards;*

10 *Whereas, INTESOL's mission is to strengthen the effective
11 teaching and learning of English as a Second Language in
12 Indiana while respecting individuals' language and cultural
13 backgrounds. Their Best of the Best award recognizes teachers
14 and administrators who go above and beyond to advocate for
15 and support English language learners as they develop both
16 their English and first languages; and*

17 *Whereas, Emily Schwartz Keirns has demonstrated passion
18 and commitment in providing English language learners in the
19 EACS district with opportunities to succeed in their education:
20 Therefore,*

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

23 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives
24 honors Emily Schwartz Keirns for receiving the Best of the
25 Best award.

26 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
27 Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to State
28 Representative Phil GiaQuinta for distribution.

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