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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

Introduced by: GiaQuinta

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

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

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

Whereas, Emily Schwartz Keirns has demonstrated passion and commitment in providing English language learners in the EACS district with opportunities to succeed in their education: 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 honors Emily Schwartz Keirns for receiving the Best of the Best award.

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

