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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. ____**

Introduced by: Huston

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION honoring Special Olympics
2 Indiana and the 20,000 Hoosier athletes it serves.

3 *Whereas, As stated by the organization itself, Special*
4 *Olympics is a global movement that changes lives by promoting*
5 *understanding, acceptance, and inclusion among people with*
6 *and without intellectual disabilities;*

7 *Whereas, In 2026, several of Indiana's most talented athletes*
8 *will travel to Minnesota to compete on a national stage in 10*
9 *events for the 2026 Special Olympics USA Games;*

10 *Whereas, In June, Hoosier athletes will represent Indiana*
11 *across a wide range of sports, including athletics, basketball,*
12 *bocce, bowling, cornhole, flag football, golf, powerlifting,*
13 *soccer, swimming, and track and field;*

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1 *Whereas, These athletes dedicate countless hours to training,*
2 *preparation, and personal growth as they strive to master their*
3 *respective events;*

4 *Whereas, Special Olympics Indiana now serves more than*
5 *20,000 athletes statewide for the first time. This achievement*
6 *reflects decades of sustained growth across youth, adult, and*
7 *unified programming, as well as a strong statewide*
8 *commitment to expanding opportunities for individuals with*
9 *intellectual disabilities;*

10 *Whereas, Reaching 20,000 athletes is a testament to Special*
11 *Olympics' impact in communities across Indiana and to its*
12 *mission of ensuring every athlete has a chance to compete,*
13 *belong, and succeed;*

14 *Whereas, Special Olympics strives to foster authenticity,*
15 *inclusion, and dignity for all participants. Beyond athletic*
16 *competition, Special Olympics advances critical health*
17 *initiatives, leadership development, and community engagement*
18 *efforts that improve the quality of life and promote awareness*
19 *and acceptance of individuals with differing abilities; and*

20 *Whereas, The success of Special Olympics would not be*
21 *possible without the dedication of its volunteers, coaches,*
22 *families, and supporters. Each year, tens of thousands of*
23 *volunteers contribute their time and talents to make these*
24 *programs and events possible. Their service strengthens*
25 *communities across Indiana and helps create a culture of*
26 *inclusion and opportunity for all: Therefore,*

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

29 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives
30 honors Special Olympics Indiana and its 20,000 athletes, and
31 recognizes the Hoosier athletes who will compete in the 2026
32 Special Olympics USA Games in June 2026.

33 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
34 Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to State
35 Representative Todd Huston for distribution.

