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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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- 1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION honoring Spencer Parli Tew.
- 2 *Whereas, Spencer Parli Tew was born in Indianapolis,*
3 *Indiana, in 1991, and from the beginning carried a joyful,*
4 *unmistakable musical spirit and a gift for storytelling that*
5 *would shape his life and work;*
- 6 *Whereas, Spencer was a proud 2010 graduate of North*
7 *Central High School, where he immersed himself in show choir,*
8 *concert choir, speech, and theater, earning accolades and*
9 *building the artistic foundation that would guide his future;*
- 10 *Whereas, After one year at Indiana University, during which*
11 *he released his first EP, Love by Dimension, Spencer continued*
12 *pursuing his calling with the courage and curiosity that defined*
13 *him;*

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1 *Whereas, Spencer transferred to Boston University in 2011*
2 *and completed his Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre Arts in May*
3 *2015, carrying his Hoosier roots with him as he expanded his*
4 *craft and community far beyond Indiana;*

5 *Whereas, Following graduation, Spencer devoted himself to*
6 *the theater world in Boston, ultimately focusing his time and*
7 *talents on the Brown Box Theatre Project, a*
8 *Shakespeare-focused company for which he was both a*
9 *performer and a backstage leader;*

10 *Whereas, The Brown Box Theatre, as the worst of the*
11 *pandemic wound down in July 2021, brought Shakespeare to*
12 *central Indiana with the play Much Ado About Nothing. The*
13 *company performed in Fishers, Monrovia, Anderson,*
14 *Shelbyville, Columbus, Richmond, Rushville, and Plainfield.*
15 *Spencer was the driving force, meeting with local officials,*
16 *coordinating the tour, driving the truck with the equipment, and*
17 *starring in the play;*

18 *Whereas, Spencer's years of touring and building theater*
19 *with a mission were a beautiful dream of camaraderie and*
20 *purpose, forging lifelong bonds through art, travel, and a*
21 *shared dedication to creating something meaningful together;*

22 *Whereas, After receiving a cancer diagnosis, Spencer faced*
23 *years defined by treatment and recovery. Amid chemotherapy,*
24 *radiation, surgery, and healing, he rediscovered solace and*
25 *power in songwriting, finding his voice again and returning to*
26 *music with renewed depth and clarity;*

27 *Whereas, Strengthened by love and support, Spencer*
28 *completed an album and leaves behind a body of work that will*
29 *continue to move listeners and inspire artists for years to come;*
30 *and*

31 *Whereas, Spencer leaves behind the love of his life, Ryann,*
32 *and a loving family in his parents, Kip and Teresa; his*
33 *stepmom, Robin; his two sisters, Quinn and Riley Jane; his*
34 *in-laws, Nancy and Jeff; and a precious cat, Okie: 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 Indiana House of Representatives
4 honors the life of Spencer Parli Tew.

5 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
6 Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to State
7 Representative Mitch Gore for distribution.

