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### **DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION**

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1        A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION recognizing the impact  
2        and achievements of Das Dutchman Essenhaus.

3        *Whereas, Das Essenhaus was founded in 1971 by Bob and  
4        Sue Miller in Middlebury, Indiana. The family has owned and  
5        managed the restaurant during the 50 years of service since its  
6        inception;*

7        *Whereas, Das Essenhaus is a local favorite, known for  
8        treating guests like family, even using the Millers' own family  
9        recipes in a homestyle setting;*

10      *Whereas, Bob and Sue Miller serve their community outside  
11     of the restaurant in a multitude of ways. They have each been  
12     on multiple boards for causes that impact their community and  
13     have each received an honorary doctor of commercial science  
14     degree from Huntington University. They have also earned  
15     many awards such as the Book of Golden Deeds Award and the  
16     Will Koch Indiana Tourism Award. Sue was recognized as  
17     Elkhart County's Woman of the Year in 1996.*

18      *Whereas, Due to the popularity of the restaurant, several  
19     expansions have been made, allowing Das Essenhaus to seat  
20     more than 1,100 guests at a time, making it the largest  
21     restaurant in Indiana. On a busy day, it will serve more than  
22     7,000 customers;*

23      *Whereas, Das Essenhaus diversified its business to bring  
24     more revenue and tourism to the area. There are now several  
25     shops, a bakery, an inn with a pool, a theater, and several other  
26     activities and events to attract tourists. Das Essenhaus is a*



1       *major employer in the area, providing jobs for approximately*  
2       *500 people from the community;*

3       *Whereas, In one week, Das Essenhaus uses up to 2,100 dozen*  
4       *eggs, 2,700 pounds of white sugar, 60 gallons of apple butter,*  
5       *3.5 tons of potatoes, 2,990 heads of lettuce, 2,600 chickens, and*  
6       *3,090 pounds of roast beef. The bakery typically makes 5,000*  
7       *to 6,000 pies each year for Thanksgiving, while its record in a*  
8       *single day was 2,103 pies;*

9       *Whereas, In the adversity of the COVID-19 pandemic, Das*  
10      *Essenhaus has risen to the challenge of providing a safe,*  
11      *socially distanced restaurant experience while staying true to*  
12      *its cozy, family atmosphere;*

13      *Whereas, Finding a balance between safety, fun, and*  
14      *profitability has been a major concern for many businesses and*  
15      *restaurants during this time. Many unique Hoosier-owned*  
16      *business have struggled or failed. Das Essenhaus has survived*  
17      *with the generous support of its beloved community during*  
18      *these difficult times; and*

19      *Whereas, Das Essenhaus has provided jobs to the local*  
20      *community, opportunities for other businesses to prosper from*  
21      *tourism, and plenty of food to all of the friends and guests who*  
22      *have come for a homestyle meal for the last 50 years:*  
23      *Therefore,*

24           *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives*  
25           *of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,*  
26           *the Senate concurring:*

27      SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes  
28      the impact of Das Dutchman Essenhaus on the community.

29      SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
30      Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to the  
31      office of State Representative Joanna King for distribution.

