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**HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION memorializing Eric
Wickens.

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2 Wickens.

3 *Whereas, Eric Joseph Wickens was born to Daniel and*
4 *Pamela Wickens on July 29, 1969, at Fort Leonard Wood,*
5 *Missouri, where Dan Wickens was serving in the United States*
6 *Army;*

7 *Whereas, Eric attended Anderson Community Schools, where*
8 *he was a member of the Highland Swing Choir, and Purdue*
9 *University, where he was a member of the Purdue Glee Club;*

10 *Whereas, Eric was the official voice of the national anthem*
11 *for the Indy Fuel, a member of the Indianapolis Opera Chorus,*
12 *and co-founder of the Lyric Opera and served as the artist in*
13 *residence through the Indiana History Museum;*

14 *Whereas, Since 2015, Eric Wickens frequently performed at*
15 *other sporting events, including Indianapolis Indians baseball*
16 *games;*

17 *Whereas, Eric gained much acclaim through his annual*
18 *Halloween performances at Crown Hill Chapel and was a*
19 *requested vocal soloist at numerous churches and venues,*
20 *including the Hoosier Village, the Palladium, and the Indiana*
21 *Roof;*

22 *Whereas, Eric Wickens loved music and spent his adult life*
23 *sharing that love of music with as many people as he could and*
24 *through his tireless dedication helped bring classical music to*
25 *communities where it would otherwise not have been*



1 *accessible; and*

2 *Whereas, Eric Wickens died unexpectedly on August 12, 2017,*
3 *shortly after performing the national anthem at a sporting event*
4 *at Grand Park in Westfield; and is survived by his parents, his*
5 *wife, Kelly Wood, and their 3-year-old son, Quinten ("Quincy")*
6 *Orion Wickens, and his two sisters, Corrine Wickens and*
7 *Catherine Snider: Therefore,*

8 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives*
9 *of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,*
10 *the Senate concurring:*

11 SECTION 1. That the members of the Indiana General
12 Assembly wish to express their sincere condolences to the
13 family of Eric Wickens and their great appreciation for the
14 years of beautiful music he gave to all Hoosiers.

15 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
16 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the family
17 of Eric Wickens.

