HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

Introduced by: Frye R

A HOUSE RESOLUTION honoring the many people and organizations who gave time, money, and support to the residents of Holton following the March 2, 2012, EF-3 tornado.

Whereas, On March 2, 2012, an EF-3 tornado struck the town of Holton, Indiana, causing severe damage to the surrounding area;

Whereas, The tornado damaged or destroyed at least 20 homes in this small town, and killed two men while six others suffered injuries;

Whereas, The tornado leveled some homes and knocked others off their foundations, while others suffered more minor damage;

Whereas, Numerous individuals, groups, and businesses came to assist those affected by nature's wrath;

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Whereas, During times of hardship and despair, people respond in amazing ways;

Whereas, Mother Nature has shown her strength in Holton, but the citizens of this area, along with their fellow Hoosiers throughout the state, rose above this catastrophe and helped the residents begin to rebuild their homes and their lives; and

Whereas, The many people, groups, and businesses who volunteered their time and money to help those whose property was destroyed by the March 2, 2012, tornado deserve special recognition: 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 wishes to express their deep gratitude and appreciation to those who stepped forward in time.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit copies of this resolution to Holton Long-Term Recovery Group members Darin Kroger, Sally Morris, Rachel Grossman, Bob McCreary, Norm Knudson, and Richard Sproessig and the following groups - International Disaster Emergency Service, Hopewell Baptist Church, Catholic Charities/St. Johns, United Methodist Committee on Relief, Lilly Endowment Inc., Brethren Disaster, Mennonite Disaster Service, Napoleon State Bank, Holton Volunteer Fire Department, Ripley County Community Foundation, Holton Christian Church, CrossRoads Missions, Holton Police Department, Ripley County Sheriff's Department, Indiana State Police, Indiana Department of Homeland Security, and the American Red Cross.