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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

Introduced by: Karickhoff

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION recognizing September as
2 Indiana's month of Veteran Suicide Awareness.

3 *Whereas, Those who serve give more than just their lives in*
4 *combat, and many come home to a far more troublesome life;*

5 *Whereas, The freedoms we enjoy are due to the risk and*
6 *sacrifice so many have given for this country;*

7 *Whereas, The time deployed away from home sacrifices*
8 *relationships, opportunities, and the daily routines so many*
9 *Hoosiers are accustomed to;*

10 *Whereas, Mental health, for all the advancements that have*
11 *been made in understanding it, is still a difficult struggle for*
12 *many, and even more so for veterans of this great nation;*

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1 *Whereas, An analysis conducted by the Department of*
2 *Veterans Affairs estimates that, between 1979 and 2014, 20*
3 *veterans died from suicide per day;*

4 *Whereas, A 2013 analysis of veteran suicide rates found that*
5 *veterans commit suicide at an approximate rate of 30 per*
6 *100,000 veterans versus the civilian rate of 14 per 100,000*
7 *civilians; and*

8 *Whereas, The need to recognize the seriousness of veteran*
9 *suicide has never been greater and Hoosiers knowing the facts*
10 *can help lead to greater advancements in assisting the heroes*
11 *of our communities: Therefore,*

12 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the*
13 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

14 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives
15 recognizes September as Indiana's month of Veteran Suicide
16 Awareness.

17 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
18 Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to
19 Representative Michael Karickhoff for distribution.

