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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION honoring World War II veteran
Jim Parish.

*Whereas, Jim Parish has dedicated his life to serving
others;*

*Whereas, Born on June 8, 1920, to Alva and Mary Parish
in Greensburg, Jim Parish started farming during the
Depression;*

*Whereas, While his father was searching for work, Jim got
his first team of horses and a plow and worked the family farm
and any other farm where a farmer needed help, earning 35
cents a day;*

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Whereas, After high school graduation, Jim was awarded a full scholarship to Franklin College, but his family could not afford to let him go;

Whereas, On July 13, 1941, Jim married Wilma Louise Grimes at Kingston Church just outside of Greensburg;

Whereas, The couple's first child was born in May 1942, and Jim was drafted into World War II on November 11, 1942;

Whereas, Assigned to basic training in Hawaii, Jim was severely burned while on beach patrol;

Whereas, Although hospitalized for six weeks for skin grafts, Jim was given the opportunity to return home or back to duty;

Whereas, Jim chose to go back to his unit and fight for his country;

Whereas, Jim stormed the beaches in the Battle of Eniwetok and joined the 106th Division in the Battle of Saipan and the Battle of Okinawa;

Whereas, During the Battle of Okinawa, Jim was shot in the head, a wound entitling him to receive the Purple Heart;

Whereas, Jim has served his community honorably, serving 15 years on the Community Building Board, 15 years on the Library Board, seven years on the Town Board, and on the Area Planning and Appeals Board;

Whereas, Jim is also a member of Kiwanis, the Odd Fellows, the American Legion, the VFW, and the Forest Hill Sunday school and youth group where he serves as preacher when needed; and

Whereas, Jim Parish is a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather who epitomizes the outstanding characteristics of Hoosiers throughout the state: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the



General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives recognizes
2 the many outstanding accomplishments and years of service of Jim
3 Parish.

4 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
5 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Jim Parish and his
6 family.

