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**HOUSE  
RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_**

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*Introduced by: Cook*

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1           A HOUSE RESOLUTION honoring John Bundy.

2           *Whereas, John Bundy is a one-of-a-kind craftsman,*  
3           *environmentalist, and contributor to economic development for*  
4           *Indiana;*

5           *Whereas, For more than 30 years John Bundy and his family*  
6           *have been carving duck decoys out of wood;*

7           *Whereas, Duck decoys were originally designed to help*  
8           *hunters bring wildfowl within range of their weapons;*

9           *Whereas, The origins of the word decoy come from the*  
10          *Dutch word "de kooi" meaning the cage or trap;*

11          *Whereas, Archeologists have discovered duck decoys*  
12          *belonging to Native Americans that are more than 1,000 years*

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1     *old;*

2             *Whereas, Congress enacted the Migratory Bird Act in 1918*  
3     *when some duck species were nearly hunted to the point of*  
4     *extinction;*

5             *Whereas, Since that time, duck decoys have evolved from a*  
6     *practical hunting implement into a distinct form of American*  
7     *folk art;*

8             *Whereas, John Bundy is an exceptional artisan and his*  
9     *products are cherished by customers throughout the entire*  
10    *world;*

11            *Whereas, Since the administration of Governor Robert Orr,*  
12    *Bundy Ducks and other pieces of Bundy craftsmanship have*  
13    *been given as diplomatic gifts to global leaders by a number of*  
14    *Indiana's Governors, and were particularly effective in*  
15    *Japanese trade missions during the 1980s;*

16            *Whereas, Indiana is now home to 320 Japanese-owned*  
17    *businesses that employ more than 67,000 Hoosier employees,*  
18    *and 13 communities across Indiana have created sister city*  
19    *relationships with Japanese cities;*

20            *Whereas, Following an environmental contamination of the*  
21    *White River in 1999, John and Valerie Bundy were among*  
22    *other founders of White River Rescue 2000;*

23            *Whereas, Today's White River is a reflection of the passion*  
24    *and advocacy of people like John Bundy who have helped to*  
25    *safeguard Indiana's natural resources; and*

26            *Whereas, Their efforts significantly contributed to the*  
27    *restocking and restoration of the White River: Therefore,*

28                    *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the*  
29                    *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

30            SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives  
31    honors John Bundy and his family for their uniquely American  
32    folk art and celebrates their many contributions to the state of



1 Indiana.

2 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
3 Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to the  
4 office of State Representative Anthony Cook for distribution.

