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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION urging Indiana school
2 corporations to permit a student to wear a dress uniform issued
3 to the student by any active or reserve component of the armed
4 forces of the United States or the National Guard while
5 participating in the student's high school graduation ceremony.

6 *Whereas, Indiana has a proud tradition of honoring our*
7 *veterans and those who serve our country;*

8 *Whereas, Indiana is the 16th most populated state but has*
9 *the fourth largest National Guard;*

10 *Whereas, Three out of four eligible age Hoosiers served in*
11 *the Civil War;*

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1 *Whereas, One out of 10 Union Army soldiers enlisted from*
2 *Indiana. Only one state, Delaware, provided more soldiers in*
3 *the Civil War based on per capita population than Indiana;*

4 *Whereas, The National Medal of Honor Monument is located*
5 *on the Canal in White River State Park;*

6 *Whereas, The National Headquarters of the American*
7 *Legion is located in Indianapolis, and it is the largest veterans*
8 *organization in the world;*

9 *Whereas, The Indiana War Memorial Plaza Historic District*
10 *contains a museum, three parks, and 24 acres of monuments,*
11 *statues, sculptures, and fountains in the heart of downtown*
12 *Indianapolis;*

13 *Whereas, Indianapolis has more acreage honoring veterans*
14 *than any other city in the nation; only Washington, D.C., has*
15 *more monuments than Indianapolis;*

16 *Whereas, The Soldiers and Sailors Monument is located in*
17 *the center of Indianapolis and the state of Indiana; and, when*
18 *it was dedicated in 1902, the only monument taller was the*
19 *Washington Monument;*

20 *Whereas, These facilities are operated to commemorate the*
21 *valor and sacrifice of the United States armed forces and to*
22 *honor Hoosier veterans and Indiana's role in the nation's*
23 *conflicts;*

24 *Whereas, Hoosier veterans and active service members*
25 *should be proud to wear their official military uniforms at*
26 *proper occasions and when permissible by their military*
27 *branch; and*

28 *Whereas, While the authority to determine the dress code for*
29 *high school graduation ceremonies should remain with local*
30 *school administrations, schools should appreciate and*
31 *recognize a soldier's dedication to our country and strongly*
32 *consider permitting these students to wear their official military*
33 *uniforms at formal school ceremonies that honor students,*
34 *including high school graduations: Therefore,*



1 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the*
2 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

3 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives
4 urges Indiana school corporations to permit a student to wear a
5 dress uniform issued to the student by any active or reserve
6 component of the armed forces of the United States or the
7 National Guard while participating in the student's high school
8 graduation ceremony.

9 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
10 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the Indiana
11 Superintendent of Public Instruction.

