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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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Hatcher, Jackson, Porter, Smith V, Summers*

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION recognizing the history of
2 Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church.

3 *Whereas, Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church was*
4 *founded in 1836 by William Paul Quinn and Augustus Turner;*

5 *Whereas, The small congregation met in Quinn's log cabin*
6 *in what was known as the "Indianapolis Station";*

7 *Whereas, The congregation constructed its first house of*
8 *worship on Georgia Street in 1841;*

9 *Whereas, In 1862 the church caught fire and burnt to the*
10 *ground after suspected arson by supporters of slavery, and the*
11 *congregation rebuilt their church in 1867 on West Vermont*
12 *Street;*

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1 *Whereas, The Bethel AME Church building was listed on the*
2 *National Register of Historic Places in 1991 and represents*
3 *many years of cultural and spiritual development in the*
4 *community;*

5 *Whereas, The Bethel AME Church building on West Vermont*
6 *Street was sold in 2016 by the congregation in order to focus*
7 *on the construction and development of a new place of worship;*

8 *Whereas, The congregation of Bethel AME Church broke*
9 *ground in 2017 for the construction of a new church on*
10 *Zionsville Road in Indianapolis; and*

11 *Whereas, The congregation of Bethel AME Church*
12 *celebrates the completion of its new church and continues to*
13 *serve, teach, and reach for souls on behalf of their Savior,*
14 *Jesus Christ, with the support and leadership of Reverend*
15 *Carlos W. Perkins: Therefore,*

16 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the*
17 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

18 SECTION 1. That the House of Representatives recognizes
19 the rich history of Bethel AME Church and its impact for
20 Hoosiers in Indianapolis and the state of Indiana.

21 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
22 Representatives transmit copies of this resolution to Bethel
23 AME Church and Reverend Carlos W. Perkins.

