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

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1           A HOUSE RESOLUTION commemorating the first  
2 anniversary of the Indianapolis FedEx shooting on April 15,  
3 2021, in which eight victims were killed.

4           *Whereas, On April 15, 2021, eight individuals lost their lives*  
5 *in a mass shooting at a FedEx facility in Indianapolis;*

6           *Whereas, Matthew Ross Alexander was a beloved son,*  
7 *brother, grandson, nephew, cousin, and friend. Matt led by*  
8 *example, rather than words. He was known for his laid-back*  
9 *nature, sense of humor, and heart of gold. Matt graduated from*  
10 *Avon High School in 2007 and attended Butler University. He*  
11 *began working at FedEx SmartPost in 2011 and had recently*  
12 *earned his 10-year recognition award. His most recent position*  
13 *was Line Haul Coordinator. As a dedicated, hardworking*  
14 *employee, Matt was very well respected by his colleagues and*  
15 *anyone who had the pleasure of working with him. Matt was an*

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1 *avid sports enthusiast and was blessed with the ability to play*  
 2 *just about any sport. Matt is survived by his parents, Brad and*  
 3 *Debbie (Pickel) Alexander, sister, Michelle Alexander,*  
 4 *grandparents, Eva Pickel and Ron and Jeanne Alexander, and*  
 5 *many aunts, uncles, and cousins. Matt made an impact on*  
 6 *everyone he met and will be missed by all;*

7 *Whereas, Samaria M. Blackwell, born on July 5, 2001, was*  
 8 *tenacious in everything she did, from playing basketball and*  
 9 *soccer, to being a lifeguard for Indy Parks. On the court or the*  
 10 *soccer field, she had a tough game face, but that quickly turned*  
 11 *to a smile outside of competition. Samaria loved people,*  
 12 *especially those of advanced age. She always found time to*  
 13 *invest in the older generation, whether it was by listening or*  
 14 *servicing. As an intelligent, straight-A student, Samaria could*  
 15 *have done anything she chose to put her mind to, and because*  
 16 *she loved helping people, she dreamed of becoming a police*  
 17 *officer. She is survived by her parents, Jeff and Tammi (Pitman)*  
 18 *Blackwell, her brothers, Elijah Blackwell and Levi Blackwell,*  
 19 *and her sister, Michaiiah Blackwell;*

20 *Whereas, Amarjeet Kaur Johal, was a 66-year-old mother,*  
 21 *grandmother, and member of the Indianapolis Sikh community.*  
 22 *She was the daughter of Sardaar Ajit Singh and Sardaarni*  
 23 *Surjit Kaur and was born and raised in Tajawal, India. She was*  
 24 *a blessed soul and an angel in every life she touched. She will*  
 25 *be remembered by her children, grandchild, family, and*  
 26 *friends;*

27 *Whereas, Amarjit Sekhon was a 48-year-old mother of two*  
 28 *who loved her family and devoted her life to them. When she*  
 29 *was not working the night shift at FedEx to help support her*  
 30 *two sons, ages 22 and 16, and caring for her disabled husband,*  
 31 *she enjoyed expressing her love for them through her cooking.*  
 32 *Preparing Indian food was a specialty. On Sundays, she visited*  
 33 *the gurdwara (Sikh house of worship). When she could, she*  
 34 *traveled to spend time with other family in Cleveland, Canada,*  
 35 *and to her native India. She was the backbone of the household,*  
 36 *the one who provided the bread and butter for the family, the*  
 37 *one always taking care of all their needs. She was outgoing.*  
 38 *She was kind. She was someone you could come to if you had*  
 39 *a problem. She was always there for you;*



1       *Whereas, Karli Smith was a 19-year-old sister and daughter.*  
2       *Karli had a "vibrant spirit" and was a lovely, beautiful, and*  
3       *youthful teenage girl. Karli was born on February 21, 2002, in*  
4       *Indianapolis, Indiana, and graduated from George Washington*  
5       *High School in 2020, where she was known as a hardworking*  
6       *and dedicated student. Softball was Karli's sport, and she*  
7       *played for her school and was loved by her teammates and*  
8       *coaches. Administrators, teachers, and classmates remember*  
9       *Karli for her sense of humor that often generated smiles and*  
10       *laughter. Karli was a bright light wherever she went. She will*  
11       *be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her. She is survived*  
12       *by her parents, brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews, aunts*  
13       *and uncles, and extended family and friends;*

14       *Whereas, John Steven "Steve" Weisert was born on February*  
15       *2, 1947, to John and Mildred Weisert in St. Louis, Missouri.*  
16       *Steve lived the majority of his life in Houston, Texas, and*  
17       *Indianapolis, Indiana. He was an Air Force veteran and a*  
18       *professional engineer who traveled overseas extensively during*  
19       *his career. He was a very active volunteer in his church, for the*  
20       *Indiana Transportation Museum, the Indianapolis Symphony*  
21       *Orchestra, and two charities, the Salvation Army and St.*  
22       *Vincent de Paul. Steve leaves behind his wife, Mary Carol*  
23       *Weisert, and two children, Michael John Weisert and Lisa Ann*  
24       *Weisert. A third child, Daniel Lee Weisert, preceded Steve in*  
25       *death;*

26       *Whereas, Jasvinder Kaur was a 50-year-old mother of two*  
27       *and grandmother of three who immigrated to the United States*  
28       *in 2018. Jasvinder and her relatives came to the United States*  
29       *for a better life so that she could help provide for her loved*  
30       *ones;*

31       *Whereas, Jaswinder Singh, was a 68-year-old father and a*  
32       *grandfather. He is remembered as a very nice and gentle man*  
33       *who always started and ended his day with prayer. He always*  
34       *had a smile on his face, loved his kids, and loved speaking to*  
35       *people when he went walking on the trails at local parks. He is*  
36       *survived by his three sons, his wife, and grandchildren; and*

37       *Whereas, Today, the Indiana House of Representatives seeks*  
38       *to honor the eight beautiful lives needlessly lost, the five*



1 *injured, and all those forever impacted by the mass shooting at*  
2 *an Indianapolis FedEx facility on April 15, 2021: Therefore,*

3 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the*  
4 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

5 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives  
6 commemorates the first anniversary of the Indianapolis FedEx  
7 shooting on April 15, 2021, in which eight victims were killed.

8 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
9 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to State  
10 Representative Robert Behning for distribution.

