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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

Introduced by: Barrett

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION recognizing the Richmond Fire
2 Department and all supporting departments who helped contain
3 and extinguish the facility fire in Richmond, Indiana.

4 *Whereas, On April 11, 2023, local fire departments, local*
5 *health departments, local emergency management agencies,*
6 *and others responded to a massive fire that broke out at a*
7 *plastics recycling center in Richmond, Indiana;*

8 *Whereas, The fire started after 2 p.m. when a fire ignited for*
9 *unknown reasons at the 175,000-square-foot facility and*
10 *ravenously continued to burn large amounts of shredded and*
11 *bulk recycled plastic for days following;*

12 *Whereas, Miraculously, no one was injured or killed as a*
13 *result of the fire;*

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1 *Whereas, Thanks to the quick response from local fire*
2 *departments, the fire was able to be contained before it could*
3 *jump to a nearby neighborhood;*

4 *Whereas, Firefighters spent days containing and*
5 *extinguishing parts of the fire, which has the potential to*
6 *release toxic gas from the burning plastics;*

7 *Whereas, The following local agencies have assisted in*
8 *fighting the fire, as well as covering runs for the departments*
9 *unable to respond to other calls: Boston Fire, Centerville Fire,*
10 *Webster Township Fire, Cambridge City Fire, New Paris Fire*
11 *in Ohio, Fountain City Fire, Dublin Fire, Richmond Police*
12 *Department, Wayne County Emergency Management Agency,*
13 *and Wayne County Sheriff's Office; and*

14 *Whereas, Once again, the response of local public safety*
15 *agencies has kept Hoosiers safe from harm: 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 Indiana House of Representatives
19 recognizes the Richmond Fire Department and all supporting
20 departments that helped contain and extinguish the facility fire
21 in Richmond, Indiana.

22 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
23 Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to State
24 Representative Brad Barrett for distribution.

