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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION honoring Mike Rethlake and
2 his family for owning and operating the last full service gas
3 station in Kokomo as a family business.

4 *Whereas, Mike Rethlake is the owner of Southside Marathon,*
5 *located at 2105 S. Washington Street, Kokomo, Indiana, which*
6 *is the last full service gas station in Kokomo;*

7 *Whereas, After 60 years of operation between Mike and his*
8 *father, Vern, the full service gas station is set to close March*
9 *30th;*

10 *Whereas, The Rethlake family has provided decades of*
11 *personal customer service that has come to be a staple of the*
12 *Kokomo community;*

13 *Whereas, Southside Marathon has been a family owned and*

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1 *operated business for four generations and is dedicated to*
2 *serving the community;*

3 *Whereas, Southside Marathon offered motorists gas pumping*
4 *and window washing with the convenience of remaining in their*
5 *vehicle; and*

6 *Whereas, Southside Marathon added the personal touch of*
7 *knowing its customers and providing high quality service in an*
8 *era of growing impersonal business relations, making*
9 *Southside Marathon stand out: Therefore,*

10 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the*
11 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

12 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives
13 honors Mike Rethlake and his family for owning and operating
14 the last full service gas station in Kokomo as a family business.

15 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
16 Representatives transmit copies to Representative Michael
17 Karickhoff for distribution.

