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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

Introduced by: Thompson

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION designating a salute to the
2 Indiana State Flag.

3 *Whereas, In 1916, Indiana Daughters of the American*
4 *Revolution commemorated Indiana's centennial anniversary by*
5 *sponsoring a competition for the design of a state banner;*

6 *Whereas, The winning design by Paul Hadley, which was a*
7 *blue field with yellow stars representing each of the first*
8 *nineteen states, was adopted by the Indiana Supreme Court in*
9 *1917, and, in 1955, it was designated as the official state flag;*

10 *Whereas, In 2016, in order to celebrate Indiana's*
11 *bicentennial, Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution*
12 *sponsored the "Salute Indiana!" competition, approved by the*
13 *State Bicentennial Commission as an Official Legacy Project,*
14 *seeking the creation of a salute or pledge to the Indiana Flag;*

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1 *Whereas, The "Salute Indiana!" competition, which echoed*
2 *the 1916 centennial contest held by Indiana Daughters of the*
3 *American Revolution, was open to all Indiana residents age 13*
4 *and older;*

5 *Whereas, The winning composition was selected from a field*
6 *of 112 entries by a panel of five judges, who met on October 19,*
7 *2016, at the Indianapolis Historical Society;*

8 *Whereas, The judging panel was composed of Loretta Rush,*
9 *Chief Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court; Major General*
10 *Courtney Carr, Adjutant General of the Indiana National*
11 *Guard; John Herbst, President of the Indiana Historical*
12 *Society; Jacob Speer, Director of the Indiana State Library;*
13 *and Bruce Blomberg, Social Studies Specialist of the Indiana*
14 *Department of Education;*

15 *Whereas, The "Salute Indiana!" winning composition, by*
16 *Gretchen Aggertt Weber, reads as follows: "O, blue and gold,*
17 *with torch of old, / Enlighten our path with hope. / Hoosiers, we*
18 *look up to thee / And pledge our all to liberty";*

19 *Whereas, The Indiana flag was publicly greeted with this*
20 *salute for the first time in a statewide gathering of about 300*
21 *Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution on October 29,*
22 *2016;*

23 *Whereas, Since that date, this salute has been designated an*
24 *official part of Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution*
25 *proceedings and ceremonies;*

26 *Whereas, This salute is also used by many other civic and*
27 *private organizations of Indiana in their official proceedings*
28 *and ceremonies; and*

29 *Whereas, Indiana's sons and daughters love their state,*
30 *symbolized by its flag, and wish to greet this flag with respect*
31 *and affection: Therefore,*

32 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the*
33 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*



1 SECTION 1. That the aforementioned salute, by Gretchen
2 Aggertt Weber, be designated as the official salute to the state
3 flag of Indiana.

4 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
5 Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to
6 Representative Jeffrey Thompson for distribution.

