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

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*Introduced by: Pryor, Porter*

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1           A HOUSE RESOLUTION recognizing Martin Center, Inc.  
2           on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

3           *Whereas, Martin Center has served the community for 50*  
4           *years as the only place in central Indiana that is dedicated to*  
5           *the support of Hoosiers with sickle cell disease (SCD);*

6           *Whereas, Martin Center is the second oldest sickle cell*  
7           *community based organization in the United States, and is*  
8           *second only to the Sickle Cell Foundation of California, making*  
9           *it one of the oldest SCD centers in the world;*

10          *Whereas, Martin Center was founded in 1969 with a shared*  
11          *vision by Father Boniface Hardin, a Benedictine priest that*  
12          *served at Holy Angels Catholic Church, and Dr. Raymond*  
13          *Pierce, an accomplished orthopedic surgeon in Indianapolis;*

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1       *Whereas, Martin Center was established to be a pillar of*  
2       *support in the community, and the center began ministering to*  
3       *individuals affected by SCD soon after opening;*

4       *Whereas, SCD is a lifelong ailment that causes extended*  
5       *periods of intense pain, varying medical complications,*  
6       *shortened life spans, and numerous psychological and social*  
7       *challenges;*

8       *Whereas, Martin Center assumed the name Martin Center*  
9       *Sickle Cell Initiative (MCSCI) in 2012 to better reflect its*  
10       *mission to aid and enhance the lives of those affected by sickle*  
11       *cell disease and associated disorders through client services,*  
12       *patient and family advocacy, and education of the disease;*

13       *Whereas, Over its 50 years, the center has served hundreds*  
14       *of thousands of individuals throughout Indiana, including*  
15       *through SCD and trait screening, cholesterol and high blood*  
16       *pressure screening, syphilis testing, SCD education, health*  
17       *education, food pantry, support groups, financial assistance,*  
18       *and general referrals and counseling;*

19       *Whereas, MCSCI provides client care services including*  
20       *emergency financial assistance, transportation assistance,*  
21       *support groups, general counseling, referral services and, a*  
22       *food pantry. In addition, MCSCI provides SCD education*  
23       *around the state of Indiana at various health fairs, corporate*  
24       *presentations, and other outreach events;*

25       *Whereas, MCSCI is a member of the Sickle Cell Disease*  
26       *Association of America, and it is widely respected both*  
27       *nationally and globally; and*

28       *Whereas, Martin Center Sickle Cell Initiative is an*  
29       *organization that remains committed to providing essential*  
30       *programs and services that help Hoosiers throughout central*  
31       *Indiana: Therefore,*

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

34       SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives



1 recognizes the positive contributions of Martin Center, Inc. for  
2 Hoosiers throughout central Indiana.

3 SECTION 2. That the Indiana House of Representatives  
4 congratulates Martin Center, Inc. on the occasion of its 50th  
5 anniversary.

6 SECTION 3. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
7 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to State  
8 Representative Cherrish Pryor for distribution.

