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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

Introduced by: Steuerwald

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION honoring Mr. Rameil Pitamber
2 and Avon Assistant Police Chief Brian Nugent for their work
3 to promote the practices of mentoring, self-development, and
4 better relations between local communities and law
5 enforcement.

6 *Whereas, Mr. Rameil Pitamber committed an armed robbery*
7 *at a Little Caesars pizza restaurant in Avon, Indiana, in*
8 *January, 2013, at the age of 17, and was arrested by then Avon*
9 *Police Detective Brian Nugent;*

10 *Whereas, Mr. Pitamber was a student at Ben Davis High*
11 *School at the time of the robbery, was widely known to be a*
12 *good kid with a good family, and held a high GPA at school;*

13 *Whereas, Mr. Pitamber was sentenced to 11 years in prison*
14 *as an adult, and Mr. Pitamber's mother and Detective Nugent*

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1 *stayed in regular communication regarding her son's*
2 *well-being over the years;*

3 *Whereas, Mr. Pitamber obtained his GED in prison and*
4 *pursued additional education credits that led to his early*
5 *release from prison in 2017 where he secured a job at Goodwill*
6 *in Avon;*

7 *Whereas, Assistant Police Chief Nugent met Mr. Pitamber*
8 *coincidentally after making a donation at the Avon Goodwill,*
9 *and Pitamber asked Nugent to be his mentor;*

10 *Whereas, A chance meeting at Goodwill started a*
11 *relationship in which the two men met on a monthly basis at*
12 *local restaurants to discuss and prepare for hurdles that Mr.*
13 *Pitamber faced after his release from prison including: how to*
14 *dress appropriately and prepare for job interviews, how to*
15 *make a monthly budget for finances, and how to parallel park*
16 *to pass a driver's license test;*

17 *Whereas, The meetings evolved to include personal and*
18 *social hurdles including: how to handle people who cast*
19 *judgment upon individuals with a criminal background, ways*
20 *to handle racial tensions between coworkers and with law*
21 *enforcement, maintaining an appropriate social life, and focus*
22 *on school and education;*

23 *Whereas, Mr. Pitamber attended a Citizens Police Academy*
24 *with Avon Police to discuss race relations, and approached*
25 *Assistant Chief Nugent about sharing his story in order to*
26 *inspire others and ease racial tensions with law enforcement;*

27 *Whereas, Mr. Pitamber agreed to work with local news*
28 *media to share his story, and WTHR, Channel 13 in*
29 *Indianapolis, did a special story that aired in the first week of*
30 *March 2019;*

31 *Whereas, Mr. Pitamber was released from parole in late*
32 *December 2018 and maintains steady employment in HVAC*
33 *work in the Indianapolis area;*

34 *Whereas, Mr. Pitamber and Assistant Chief Nugent stay in*



1 *close and regular communication as they continue to look for*
2 *ways to promote the positive nature of their relationship and*
3 *Mr. Pitamber's successes; and*

4 *Whereas, Mr. Pitamber and Assistant Chief Nugent are role*
5 *models for many Hoosiers and advocates for the positive*
6 *relationships that can exist between law enforcement officers*
7 *and the Hoosiers they serve: Therefore*

8 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the*
9 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

10 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives
11 recognizes Mr. Rameil Pitamber and his successes during and
12 after incarceration to be a proactive and valued citizen of
13 Indiana.

14 SECTION 2. That the Indiana House of Representatives
15 applauds Mr. Rameil Pitamber and Assistant Chief Brian
16 Nugent for promoting their positive relationship and its impact
17 on one another and on the community.

18 SECTION 3. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
19 Representatives transmit copies of this resolution to the office
20 of State Representative Gregory Steuerwald for distribution.

