

**SENATE CONCURRENT
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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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MESSMER, BECKER, TOMES

_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



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2 Evansville, Indiana, for the awareness it raises regarding the value of
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5 *Whereas, Comprised of twenty-six special-needs girls, all*
6 *between the ages of eight and eighteen, Spirit Cheer meets*
7 *every fall to choreograph a dance and cheer routine for*
8 *performances at community sporting events throughout the next*
9 *six months;*

10 *Whereas, Spirit Cheer is led by sisters and head coaches*
11 *Kendra Scheller and Karen Shields;*

12 *Whereas, Karen came up with the idea for Spirit Cheer in*
13 *2008 and with the help of several volunteer coaches, Kendra,*
14 *Karen, and their sister Katie have found the time and resources*
15 *to bring the squad back each fall;*

16 *Whereas, The squad practices for an hour each week,*
17 *beginning in late September, and this season the girls are*
18 *scheduled to perform nine times, more than ever before;*

19 *Whereas, Kendra began the squad's practices early this*
20 *year in hopes of performing an exhibition for JAMfest, a*
21 *national cheerleading competition held in Indianapolis which*
22 *attracts as many as eighty cheerleading squads each year;*



1 *Whereas, Everything that keeps Spirit Cheer going, from*
2 *the coaches' time to the girls' practice space, is dependent upon*
3 *donations from those in the Evansville community;*

4 *Whereas, Cheer Zone in Evansville, Indiana, provides a*
5 *practice facility for Spirit Cheer free of charge, which helps to*
6 *keep participation in the program free for the girls and their*
7 *parents; and*

8 *Whereas, It is fitting that the Indiana General Assembly*
9 *gives special recognition to Spirit Cheer, its squad members, its*
10 *coaches, and its community partners, for their continued*
11 *commitment to improving the lives of special-needs children:*
12 *Therefore,*

13 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*
14 *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

15 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes Spirit
16 Cheer for the awareness it raises regarding the value of children with
17 disabilities through the inspiration and joy its team members and
18 coaches spread to others.

19 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
20 transmit copies of this Resolution to each member of the Spirit Cheer
21 squad and its head coaches Kendra Scheller and Karen Shields.

