

**SENATE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_**

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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring Helping Hands for Freedom ("HHFF") for its charitable work.

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1       A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring Helping Hands for  
2       Freedom ("HHFF") for its charitable work.

3       *Whereas, Co-founded in 2009 by retired Staff Sergeant and*  
4       *Fairland resident, Patrick Shannon, Helping Hands for*  
5       *Freedom's ("HHFF") main mission is supporting the surviving*  
6       *spouses and children of veterans who do not return from*  
7       *conflict;*

8       *Whereas, HHFF aids military families dealing with death,*  
9       *deployment and loss, as well as helping with basic expenses*  
10      *during transition;*

11      *Whereas, Additionally, HHFF assists those severely*  
12      *wounded who are in need of equipment or housing*  
13      *modifications;*

14      *Whereas, HHFF also helps children with life enrichment*  
15      *programs, mentor programs, and counseling;*

16      *Whereas, HHFF is a volunteer-driven 501(3)c*  
17      *organization, and the 2015 Lincoln Award winner, given to the*  
18      *top military charity by Southwest Veterans Chamber of*



1 *Commerce;*

2 *Whereas, In 2016, HHFF embarked on a 3,100 mile walk*  
 3 *across America to raise awareness of military families and to*  
 4 *raise funds to build a retreat house and Post Traumatic Stress*  
 5 *Disorder center that HHFF wants to put in central Indiana to*  
 6 *assist military families, to honor Gold Star families, and to help*  
 7 *end the epidemic of 22 veteran suicides a day;*

8 *Whereas, David Roth, a 20-year veteran of IMPD and*  
 9 *former Chairman of the Board for HHFF, and Kevin Winton,*  
 10 *a 20-plus year teacher at Beech Grove Middle School, walked*  
 11 *the entire trip from Atlantic City to San Francisco, which began*  
 12 *on April 28 and lasted until August 26;*

13 *Whereas, Others who walked included Staff Sgt. Shannon,*  
 14 *former HHFF CEO Darin Fishburn, HHFF co-founder Rod*  
 15 *Smith, HHFF Communications Director Paul Gable, and 9-*  
 16 *year-old Brenden Gable; and*

17 *Whereas, It is fitting that the Indiana Senate honors and*  
 18 *commends HHFF for its charitable efforts which help our*  
 19 *veterans and military families: Therefore,*

20 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*  
 21 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

22 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate honors Helping  
 23 Hands for Freedom for its charitable work.

24 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed  
 25 to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Retired Staff Sgt.  
 26 Patrick Shannon, David Roth, Kevin Winton, Darin Fishburn,  
 27 Rod Smith, Paul Gable, and Eric Snelz.

