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1           A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring the members  
2 of the South Bend Fire Department for their bravery and heroic  
3 actions while responding to a house fire.

4           *Whereas, On the evening of January 21, 2024, the South Bend*  
5 *Fire Department responded to a residential fire with intense*  
6 *flames engulfing both the first and second floors of the home;*

7           *Whereas, Engine 2 was the first company on the scene, and it*  
8 *immediately initiated a rapid attack to advance into the heart*  
9 *of the blaze;*

10          *Whereas, After suppressing a significant portion of the fire on*  
11 *the first floor, firefighters proceeded to the second floor, where*  
12 *multiple victims were reported to be trapped;*

13          *Whereas, Amidst overwhelming heat and smoke from the fire,*  
14 *the firefighters located and extracted a total of six victims, all*  
15 *of whom were children;*

16          *Whereas, Tragically, all six children, varying from ages 17*  
17 *months to 11 years, would later be pronounced deceased with*  
18 *one child surviving for almost five days after the fire;*

19          *Whereas, The crew members of Engine 2 showed immense*  
20 *courage and dedication in their attempts to save these young*  
21 *lives by exhibiting a profound disregard for their own safety in*  
22 *the face of extreme danger;*

23          *Whereas, One member of Engine 2 fell through the second*  
24 *floor onto the first while attempting to rescue the victims, and*



1 *he was transported to a local hospital and is expected to make*  
2 *a full recovery; and*

3 *Whereas, The actions of the firefighters of Engine 2 reflect the*  
4 *highest ideals of selflessness and citizens-first ethos that is*  
5 *characteristic of the bravery needed to be a firefighter:*  
6 *Therefore,*

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

10 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly honors the  
11 members of the South Bend Fire Department for their bravery  
12 and heroic actions while responding to a house fire, and  
13 remembers the young victims who tragically lost their lives in  
14 that fire.

15 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
16 Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to State  
17 Representative Maureen Bauer for distribution.

