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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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**Bauer M, Abbott, Andrade, Aylesworth, Bartlett,
Boy, Campbell, DeLaney, DeVon, Dvorak,
Errington, Fleming, Garcia Wilburn, GiaQuinta,
Goodrich, Gore, Hamilton, Harris, Hatcher,
Hatfield, Heaton, Heine, Hostettler, Jackson,
Johnson B, Judy, Klinker, McGuire, Miller D,
Miller K, Moed, Moseley, Negele, Olthoff, Pack,
Pfaff, Pierce K, Pierce M, Porter, Pryor, Rowray,
Shackleford, Smith V, Soliday, Summers, Teshka,
VanNatter, Wesco**

_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



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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, ranging in age from 17*
17 *months to 11 years old, would later be pronounced deceased,*
18 *with one child surviving for almost five days after the fire;*

19 *Whereas, The firefighters of the South Bend Fire Department*
20 *showed immense courage and dedication in their attempts to*
21 *save these young lives by exhibiting a profound disregard for*
22 *their own safety in the face of extreme danger;*

23 *Whereas, One firefighter fell through the second floor onto*
24 *the first while attempting to rescue the victims, and he was*



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

3 *Whereas, The actions of the firefighters of the South Bend*
4 *Fire Department reflect the highest ideals of selflessness and*
5 *citizens-first ethos that are characteristic of the bravery needed*
6 *to be a firefighter: 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.

