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**HOUSE CONCURRENT  
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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION memorializing Gunner  
James Burnam.

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1           A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION memorializing Gunner  
2 James Burnam.

3           *Whereas, Gunner James Burnam was born to Tim and*  
4 *Jennifer Burnam on July 14, 2003, and became a big brother*  
5 *with the arrival of his sister Courtney;*

6           *Whereas, Gunner Burnam attended Brooklyn Elementary*  
7 *School in the Metropolitan School District of Martinsville;*

8           *Whereas, Gunner Burnam joined Cub Scout Pack 209 where*  
9 *he earned his Tiger, Bobcat, Bear, and Webelo badges;*

10          *Whereas, Gunner Burnam crossed over into Boy Scout Troop*  
11 *229 where he continued his path to becoming an Eagle Scout;*

12          *Whereas, Gunner Burnam was a student and athlete at John*  
13 *R. Wooden Middle School where he was known for his loyalty*  
14 *and friendship that transcended all boundaries, social rank, or*  
15 *status;*

16          *Whereas, Gunner Burnam was known for his love of the*  
17 *outdoors, sports, heavy equipment, and for his notable southern*  
18 *accent;*

19          *Whereas, In December 2016, at the age of 13, Gunner*  
20 *Burnam was diagnosed with diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma*  
21 *(DIPG), a rare pediatric brain cancer that has a five-year*  
22 *survival rate of less than 1 percent and a prognosis of nine to*  
23 *12 months;*



1        *Whereas, Gunner Burnam underwent treatment at Cincinnati*  
 2        *Children's Hospital, pursued his education in a modified*  
 3        *fashion, and continued his progress in Troop 229 where he*  
 4        *achieved the rank of First Class Scout, never complaining or*  
 5        *feeling sorry for himself;*

6        *Whereas, Gunner Burnam succumbed to DIPG in the early*  
 7        *morning hours of September 15, 2017, nearly nine months to*  
 8        *the day of his original diagnosis;*

9        *Whereas, Gunner had already identified his Eagle Scout*  
 10       *project as conducting a food drive, but since he passed away*  
 11       *before he could complete his Eagle project, his family and*  
 12       *friends continued his scouting legacy by holding the food drive*  
 13       *in October 2017 and collecting more than 7,000 food items;*

14       *Whereas, Gunner Burnam's family was presented the Boy*  
 15       *Scout's Spirit of the Eagle Award, a posthumous award*  
 16       *acknowledging Gunner's exemplary contributions to scouting;*

17       *Whereas, Gunner Burnam was an extraordinary son, brother,*  
 18       *grandson, nephew, cousin, and child of God; and*

19       *Whereas, Gunner Burnam will be forever missed by family,*  
 20       *friends, classmates, teammates, and acquaintances: Therefore,*

21                    *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives*  
 22                    *of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,*  
 23                    *the Senate concurring:*

24        SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly  
 25        acknowledges the great impact Gunner James Burnam had on  
 26        all who knew him and how he maintained a positive attitude  
 27        while facing adversity. Gunner James Burnam serves as an  
 28        inspiration for those challenged with overcoming the next  
 29        obstacle on the path to success and as an example of grace to  
 30        those who face daily struggles.

31        SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
 32        Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the family  
 33        of Gunner James Burnam.

