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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION honoring the Walnut Street Fire
2 Company No. 4 on its 150th anniversary.

3 *Whereas, The Walnut Street Fire Company No. 4 was*
4 *founded on March 17, 1873, after the Butz Brewery tragically*
5 *burned. It is one of six volunteer firehouses serving the 55,000*
6 *residents of Madison, Indiana;*

7 *Whereas, Citizens of Madison, Indiana, have been*
8 *volunteering to protect their neighbors since the Walnut Street*
9 *Fire Company No. 4's conception, and have shown up in times*
10 *of need, regardless of the time or weather;*

11 *Whereas, Their first call of duty came on October 7, 1873,*
12 *and they have served faithfully since;*

13 *Whereas, The original firehouse began construction in 1874.*

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1 *In 1875, a 1,000 pound bell was added to the top of the historic*
2 *firehouse. This bell can still be found on display at the current*
3 *station;*

4 *Whereas, A new and improved hose reel was constructed in*
5 *1889 by the Miller Brothers Wagon Works. The reel was named*
6 *"Wooden Shoes" after the shoes the Miller Brothers workers*
7 *wore. This name is reflected in the Walnut Street Fire Company*
8 *No. 4's logo: a pair of wooden shoes and a shamrock. The*
9 *shamrock was added in the mid-1950s;*

10 *Whereas, The Walnut Street Fire Company No. 4 has always*
11 *been a leader in technology and innovation in its community.*
12 *It was the first firehouse to have a motorized fire truck and*
13 *aerial ladders in Madison. The Walnut Street Fire Company*
14 *No. 4 was also the first in Madison to utilize thermal imaging,*
15 *positive pressure ventilation, and it was the first downtown*
16 *firehouse to use a large diameter hose;*

17 *Whereas, In 1954, the Walnut Street Fire Company No. 4*
18 *purchased the first fire truck with an aerial ladder in Madison.*
19 *This was the final red fire truck to be owned by the department.*
20 *Starting in 1973, the firehouse has proudly used green fire*
21 *trucks, a tradition that continues to this day; and*

22 *Whereas, The Walnut Street Fire Company No. 4 has*
23 *proudly served Madison, Indiana, with devotion and care for its*
24 *neighbors: Therefore,*

25 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the*
26 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

27 SECTION 1. The Indiana House of Representatives honors
28 the Walnut Street Fire Company No. 4 on its 150th anniversary.

29 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
30 Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to the
31 office of State Representative Randall Frye.

