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**HOUSE  
RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_**

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*Introduced by: Eberhart*

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1           A HOUSE RESOLUTION recognizing Helping Hands for  
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4           *Whereas, The mission of Helping Hands for Freedom is to*  
5 *provide military children and families the financial assistance*  
6 *necessary when dealing with a family member lost, wounded,*  
7 *or currently deployed;*

8           *Whereas, Helping Hands for Freedom was co-founded in*  
9 *2009 by retired Staff Sergeant and Fairland resident, Patrick*  
10 *Shannon;*

11           *Whereas, Helping Hands for Freedom assists military*  
12 *families dealing with death, deployment, and loss, as well as*  
13 *helping with basic expenses during the transition;*

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1           *Whereas, In addition, Helping Hands for Freedom assists*  
2           *those severely wounded in need of equipment or housing*  
3           *modifications and helps children with life enrichment*  
4           *programs, mentor programs, and counseling;*

5           *Whereas, Helping Hands for Freedom is a volunteer driven*  
6           *501(3)c organization and the winner of the 2015 Lincoln*  
7           *Award, which is given to the top military charity by the*  
8           *Southwest Veterans Chamber of Commerce;*

9           *Whereas, In 2016, Helping Hands For Freedom embarked*  
10           *on a 3,100 mile walk across America to raise awareness of the*  
11           *plight of military families and to raise funds to build a retreat*  
12           *house and PTSD center;*

13           *Whereas, Helping Hands for Freedom plans to place the*  
14           *retreat house in central Indiana to assist military families, to*  
15           *honor Gold Star families, and to help end the epidemic of*  
16           *veteran suicides, which sees 22 occur each day;*

17           *Whereas, David Roth, a 20-plus year veteran of the*  
18           *Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department and the former*  
19           *chairman of the board for Helping Hands for Freedom, and*  
20           *Kevin Winton, a 20-plus year teacher at Beech Grove Middle*  
21           *School, walked the entire trip from Atlantic City, New Jersey,*  
22           *to San Francisco, a trip which began April 28 and lasted until*  
23           *August 26; and*

24           *Whereas, Helping Hands for Freedom is devoted to serving*  
25           *the men, women, and children who are most in need: Therefore,*

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

28           SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives applauds  
29           the efforts of Helping Hands for Freedom in its effort to help veterans  
30           and their families and to urge all Hoosiers to help this outstanding  
31           organization whenever possible.

32           SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
33           Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Eric Snelz,  
34           CEO/Executive Director of Helping Hands for Freedom.

