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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION acknowledging March as
"Music in Our Schools Month".

*Whereas, Music is the shared human experience of artistic
expression that knows no boundaries of time or place;*

*Whereas, The study of music is basic to a complete
education, provides a competitive edge for successful
educational reform, engages students in individual and group
activities, develops creativity, teaches problem solving, and
develops critical and evaluative skills;*

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Whereas, Music education helps students acquire skills in production and performance of music, as well as an understanding of history and culture and engages children in developing proficiencies in creativity, self-expression, problem solving, and evaluative and mathematical skills;

Whereas, Music programs enable students to acquire practical experiences in shared responsibility, teamwork, leadership, and public production and performance;

Whereas, Each year, the National Association for Music Education designates March as "Music in Our Schools Month" when music education becomes the focus of schools across the nation;

Whereas, The National Association for Music Education will celebrate the 30th anniversary of "Music in Our Schools Month" in March 2015;

Whereas, Since its beginning as a single celebration in New York state in 1973, "Music in Our Schools Month" has been celebrated by hundreds of thousands of children, friends, and families who have joined together every March since 1985 to rejoice in the timeless power of music in our schools and in our communities; and

Whereas, It is fitting and proper for Indiana to recognize and commend music educators for their concern and effort to enhance the quality of music education in schools: Therefore,

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

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives
- 2 acknowledges March as "Music in Our Schools Month" and endorses
- 3 the observance as an opportunity to support the purposes and practices
- 4 of music education.

