



Introduced Version

**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

Introduced by: Karickhoff

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION recognizing the F&AM
2 Masonic Lodge #341 in Greentown, Indiana.

3 *Whereas, Indiana has over 50,000 Masons in almost 400*
4 *lodges throughout the state representing men from all walks of*
5 *life;*

6 *Whereas, Admission to a Masonic lodge is open to men of*
7 *good character and faith, regardless of their race, color,*
8 *religious beliefs, political views, sexual orientation, physical*
9 *ability, citizenship, or national origin;*

10 *Whereas, The Greentown F&AM Masonic Lodge #341 was*
11 *originally chartered on May 29, 1867;*

12 *Whereas, The first master of the Greentown lodge, Mr.*
13 *Arland O. D. Kelley, was appointed in 1866;*

20192885



1 *Whereas, The first lodge building was purchased in 1872*
 2 *and membership grew exponentially after a neighboring lodge,*
 3 *Jerome Lodge #203, surrendered its charter in 1884;*

4 *Whereas, The Masons of the Greentown F&AM Masonic*
 5 *Lodge #341 have met continuously for over 125 years and have*
 6 *been an integral part of Greentown and the surrounding*
 7 *community;*

8 *Whereas, The lodge building served as a school for children*
 9 *from 1919 to 1920 while a new school was being built in the*
 10 *area;*

11 *Whereas, The Freemasons of Greentown started a*
 12 *scholarship program for students at Eastern High School in*
 13 *2004 and have since awarded scholarships to 30 young adults*
 14 *totaling over \$50,000;*

15 *Whereas, Freemasonry is the world's first, largest, and most*
 16 *legendary fraternal organization, providing guidance and*
 17 *leadership to Masons to become better husbands, fathers,*
 18 *brothers, and citizens; and*

19 *Whereas, The Freemasons of Greentown continue to make*
 20 *positive change in the communities that they serve: Therefore,*

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

23 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives
 24 recognizes the Greentown F&AM Masonic Lodge #341 for its
 25 many years of contributions to the community.

26 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
 27 Representatives transmit copies of this resolution to Indiana
 28 State Representative Michael Karickhoff for distribution.

