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

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*Introduced by: Hamilton, Errington*

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1           A HOUSE RESOLUTION commending the 100th  
2 anniversary of the Izaak Walton League of America, its ideals,  
3 and accomplishments.

4           *Whereas, On January 14, 1922, 54 ambitious sportsmen*  
5 *gathered at the Chicago Athletic Club to discuss the*  
6 *deterioration of America's top fishing streams;*

7           *Whereas, Wildlife habitat was being destroyed across the*  
8 *country and our nation's forests and wilderness were quickly*  
9 *vanishing. Knowing that urgent action was needed to preserve*  
10 *fish and wildlife habitat, the group formed an organization to*  
11 *combat water pollution and to protect the country's wetlands,*  
12 *grasslands, and forests, a step that would lay the foundation for*  
13 *many conservation victories for decades to come;*

14           *Whereas, One hundred years later, the 42,000 members of*

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1 *the Izaak Walton League of America are building on the*  
2 *successes of those who preceded them in responding to*  
3 *conservation challenges;*

4 *Whereas, The League benefitted from the visionary*  
5 *conservation leadership of individuals such as the creator of*  
6 *the federal duck stamp, Ding Darling, the father of modern*  
7 *wildlife management and author of "A Sand County Almanac",*  
8 *Aldo Leopold, and the original proponent of the Land and*  
9 *Water Conservation Fund, Joe Penfold, as well as Indiana*  
10 *leaders like Tom and Jane Dustin, Herb and Charlotte Read,*  
11 *Ethyle Bloch, Mike and Gerry Grimshaw, Ivar Hennings, Jim*  
12 *Daniels, and Chuck Bauer;*

13 *Whereas, The League has been at the forefront of every*  
14 *major clean water victory throughout the United States and in*  
15 *Indiana, spearheading the conservation of land and waters for*  
16 *the benefit of all Americans, actively supporting the creation of*  
17 *the Indiana Dunes National Park, the Patoka River National*  
18 *Wildlife Refuge, and the Indiana Nature Preserves Act;*

19 *Whereas, The League was instrumental in the first ban on*  
20 *phosphates in detergents in Indiana, defeating nuclear energy*  
21 *in Indiana, and keeping the Wabash River free of dams;*

22 *Whereas, The League, since its inception, has been an*  
23 *outspoken advocate for conserving the nation's fish and wildlife*  
24 *as well as for ethical hunting and angling. The League was an*  
25 *early advocate for passing federal legislation to support habitat*  
26 *conservation and restoration with fees paid by hunters, anglers,*  
27 *and recreational shooting sports enthusiasts, an investment*  
28 *that, to this day, benefits wildlife nationwide;*

29 *Whereas, The League's more than 20 chapters in Indiana are*  
30 *in communities across the state, working to introduce youth and*  
31 *families to conservation and outdoor recreation. Chapter*  
32 *members build nature trails, restore stream banks, monitor*  
33 *water quality, and plant trees. League chapters also award*  
34 *many scholarships each year to college students working*  
35 *toward natural resource degrees; and*

36 *Whereas, The Izaak Walton League of America has*



1 *embodied the tradition of grassroots conservation activism with*  
2 *its 100 years of service to defending our nation's natural*  
3 *resources. Starting as a group of 54 visionary sportsmen and*  
4 *growing to an amazing number of 42,000 members, they*  
5 *deserve to be honored in their crusade to protect those*  
6 *resources and outdoor traditions: Therefore,*

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

9 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives  
10 congratulates the Izaak Walton League of America on 100 years  
11 of defending America's outdoors, and for all its conservation  
12 accomplishments and leadership.

13 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
14 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to State  
15 Representative Carey Hamilton for distribution.

