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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

Introduced by: Jacob

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION honoring Ray Skillman.

2 *Whereas, Ray Skillman has built a vast car dealership*
3 *business that spans eight brands and thousands of vehicles*
4 *across 10 different locations in Indiana;*

5 *Whereas, The Ray Skillman Auto Group has grown into one*
6 *of the largest car dealership businesses in Indiana, including*
7 *Classic Cars, a collector-car sales and service group;*

8 *Whereas, Ray's passion for cars began when he was a child*
9 *and grew up around racing and the special events held at local*
10 *car dealerships that unveiled new car models each year;*

11 *Whereas, Ray bought his first car, a 1950 Ford Businessman*
12 *Coupe, at the age of 16;*

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1 *Whereas, Ray opened his first used-car lot in his hometown*
2 *of Owensboro, Kentucky, and successfully ran Skillman Auto*
3 *Sales from 1960 to 1979 before relocating to Indianapolis;*

4 *Whereas, Ray became a partner in Stuart-Skillman*
5 *Oldsmobile and soon added the GMC and Mitsubishi*
6 *franchises;*

7 *Whereas, Ray took full ownership of the dealership five years*
8 *later upon Charlie Stuart's retirement;*

9 *Whereas, The Ray Skillman Auto Group employs an*
10 *estimated 1,100 employees today;*

11 *Whereas, Ray Skillman's dealerships have received multiple*
12 *awards, including: Ford's President's Award, 2012-2015;*
13 *DealerRater's Consumer Satisfaction Award, 2016; Hyundai*
14 *Dealer of the Year, 2014 and 2016; Mitsubishi and Kia Dealer*
15 *of the Year, 2016; Buick and GMC Dealer of the Year, 2013*
16 *and 2014; and the top Roush Dealer by Volume, 2010-2014;*

17 *Whereas, Ray has cultivated deep ties in his community*
18 *including work with Center Grove High School, the University*
19 *of Indianapolis, Perry Meridian High School, Franklin Central*
20 *High School, and little league teams across the state;*

21 *Whereas, Ray personally matches the donations provided by*
22 *company employees to the Clothe-A-Child program. This*
23 *program provides clothes, shoes, and toys for children each*
24 *year, and Ray and his staff donated items for 1,500 local*
25 *children in 2019;*

26 *Whereas, Ray's passion for cars and his vision in the*
27 *automobile industry built a thriving business in Indiana that*
28 *continues to positively affect Hoosiers everyday; and*

29 *Whereas, Ray received the Sagamore of the Wabash from*
30 *Governor Eric Holcomb in 2020 for his many contributions in*
31 *his community and the state of Indiana: Therefore,*

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



1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives
2 honors Ray Skillman for his many contributions in his
3 community and the state of Indiana.

4 SECTION 2. That the Indiana House of Representatives
5 congratulates Ray Skillman as a recipient of the Sagamore of
6 the Wabash award.

7 SECTION 3. That the Principal Clerk of the Indiana House
8 of Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to the
9 office of State Representative John Jacob for distribution.

