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

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*Introduced by: Smith V*

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1           A HOUSE RESOLUTION honoring Michael E. Tolbert on  
2 his work with the Indiana State Bar Association.

3           *Whereas, The Indiana State Bar Association is the largest*  
4 *legal organization in Indiana with more than 12,000 members.*  
5 *It was founded in 1896 in the hall of the Indiana House of*  
6 *Representatives with more than 100 lawyers present;*

7           *Whereas, The Indiana State Bar Association's mission is to*  
8 *improve the administration of justice and promote public*  
9 *understanding of the legal system;*

10          *Whereas, The vision of the ISBA is to serve and advocate on*  
11 *behalf of its members, their clients, and the public interest, as*  
12 *the independent voice of the legal profession;*

13          *Whereas, On October 9, 2020, Michael E. Tolbert was*

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1     *inducted as President of the Indiana State Bar Association*  
2     *during the association's annual meeting;*

3             *Whereas, He was inducted with three other officers from*  
4     *Northwest Indiana, namely Shontrai D. Irving, Counsel to the*  
5     *President, Treasurer James B. Dillon Sr., and Secretary Renee*  
6     *M. Ortega;*

7             *Whereas, Michael Tolbert is the second African American to*  
8     *serve in this role;*

9             *Whereas, This is the first time that all four of these positions*  
10    *have been held by persons of color simultaneously; and*

11            *Whereas, This is a "Legal Dream Team" for the State of*  
12    *Indiana: Therefore,*

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

15            SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives  
16    honors Michael E. Tolbert for his work with the Indiana State  
17    Bar Association.

18            SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
19    Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to the  
20    office of State Representative Vernon G. Smith for distribution.

