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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION recognizing the members of the
2 Huntington First Church of the Nazarene during their 100th
3 anniversary.

4 *Whereas, The Church of the Nazarene traces its beginnings*
5 *to a movement for the spread and conservation of scriptural*
6 *holiness in organized church form, which developed almost*
7 *simultaneously in various parts of the United States;*

8 *Whereas, It was announced in The Huntington Herald that*
9 *the Huntington First Church of the Nazarene was organized*
10 *May 18, 1919, as a result of revival services meeting in an old*
11 *coliseum on the corner of Cherry and Washington streets in*
12 *Huntington, Indiana;*

13 *Whereas, The church band was formed as an extension of the*
14 *orchestra in 1931 by Glenn Pasko and named the Nazarene*

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1 *Band;*

2 *Whereas, More than 425 people have contributed over the*
 3 *years to the Nazarene Band with longtime members Jack*
 4 *Snowden and Gene Snowden, who started playing in 1942, and*
 5 *Virginia Walker, who joined the band in 1968 and continued to*
 6 *play for 42 years until she was 96 years old;*

7 *Whereas, Reverend Norman D. and Carol Zurcher became*
 8 *the first missionaries to be sent from the church. The Zurchers*
 9 *left for South Africa in 1959 and continued as missionaries with*
 10 *the Church of the Nazarene for 37 years;*

11 *Whereas, Pastor Ron Blake helped the Huntington First*
 12 *Church of the Nazarene celebrate its 75th anniversary on*
 13 *September 18, 1994, with a special service;*

14 *Whereas, Keith White became the lead pastor on March 25,*
 15 *2011, followed by Bobby Kemp on May 1, 2016;*

16 *Whereas, The local church today provides programs for all*
 17 *age groups including: Children's Church during worship*
 18 *services on Sunday mornings, programming involving Bible*
 19 *study on Wednesday evenings, and teens meeting together on*
 20 *Sunday mornings, and the church hosts praise services, mission*
 21 *services, Sunday school, Bible studies, worship team*
 22 *participation, Nazarene Missions International, and more on*
 23 *Sunday evenings;*

24 *Whereas, Those attending Huntington First Church of the*
 25 *Nazarene have participated in team sports activities such as*
 26 *basketball, softball, and volleyball;*

27 *Whereas, Many members of the church have served or are*
 28 *currently serving as Sunday school teachers, nursery workers,*
 29 *food pantry staffers, funeral dinner servers, special event*
 30 *coordinators, and volunteers in many capacities as part of the*
 31 *church community; and*

32 *Whereas, The members of the Huntington First Church of*
 33 *the Nazarene, past and present, have built the church*
 34 *community into what it is today and will celebrate 100 years in*



1 *the service of Jesus Christ on May 19, 2019: Therefore,*

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

4 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives
5 recognizes the members of the Huntington First Church of the
6 Nazarene during their 100th anniversary.

7 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
8 Representatives transmit copies of this resolution to the office
9 of State Representative Dan Leonard for distribution.

