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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION congratulating the

2	National Wild Turkey Federation on its 50th anniversary.
3	Whereas, The National Wild Turkey Federation, Inc.
4	(NWTF) was incorporated on March 29, 1973, in
5	Fredericksburg, Virginia, with a mission dedicated to
6	conserving wild turkeys, improving their habitat, and
7	preserving our hunting heritage, and is the largest and
8	longest-serving non-governmental stewardship partner of the
9	United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service;

Whereas, The Indiana State Chapter of the NWTF currently has 46 local chapters around the state and has helped the Indiana Department of Natural Resources restore wild turkey populations, resulting in an estimated 130,000 wild birds that reflect environmental success and provides ample hunting opportunities across Indiana;

Whereas, The NWTF, its members, and its local chapters have invested more than half a billion dollars to conserve or enhance more than 22 million acres of critical wildlife habitats, forests, and grasslands across public and private lands since 1985, including work on Indiana's state and national forests, publicly owned and managed wildlife areas, and private lands;

Whereas, Additionally, the NWTF has invested more than 8.5 million dollars in research throughout North America to ensure that healthy wild turkey populations will exist in the future, and since 2012, the NWTF has invested nearly 2 million dollars in Indiana to support conservation efforts;

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1	Whereas, Indiana is home to 23,316 conserved or enhanced					
2	acres of wildlife habitat, 3,849 acres open to hunting, two					
3	active conservation projects, and 5,519 active members of the					
4	Indiana State Chapter of the NWTF;					
5	Whereas, In 2021, hunters in Indiana harvested 12,230 wild					
6	turkeys in 91 of Indiana's 92 counties, representing a 15					
7	percent decrease from 2020 and highlighting the importance of					
8	the efforts done by the NWTF; and					
9	Whereas, The NWTF officially celebrated its 50th year of					
0	operations on March 29, 2023, celebrating a half-century of					
1	conservation and hunting: Therefore,					
2	Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly					
3	of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives					
4	concurring:					
5	SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly					
6	congratulates the National Wild Turkey Federation, Inc. on its					
7	50th anniversary.					
8	SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed					
9	to transmit copies of this Resolution to the National Wild					
20	Turkey Federation, Inc.					



