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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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A RESOLUTION recognizing the contributions made by the Indiana Railway Museum toward maintaining the history of our Hoosier railways and promoting tourism in Southern Indiana.

Whereas, The Indiana Railway Museum is a nonprofit organization founded in 1961 for the purpose of acquiring, restoring, displaying, and operating historic railway equipment;

Whereas, Several diesel and steam locomotives, a rare railway post office car, and a 1951 dining car are included in the Indiana Railway Museum's display of railroad equipment;

Whereas, The Indiana Railway Museum has a membership of over 300 with volunteers who serve as train and station

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crews;

Whereas, Since the Indiana Railway Museum opened in French Lick in 1977, the museum has taken over 560,000 passengers on its historic railway tours;

Whereas, The Indiana Railway Museum depot in French Lick, from where all the passenger trains depart, is the original limestone Monon railroad station;

Whereas, The Indiana Railway Museum's 1 3/4 hour train trip meanders through 20 miles of the Hoosier National Forest, limestone rock-cuts, and the 2,200-foot Burton Tunnel, one of the longest railroad tunnels in the state; and

Whereas, The train ride provided by the Indiana Railway Museum takes our minds back to a time when travel was slower, more scenic, and often friendlier and a time best not forgotten: Therefore,

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

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives wishes to
2 thank the members of the Indiana Railway Museum for their efforts in
3 promoting tourism in Southern Indiana and for helping to maintain
4 interest in our historic Hoosier railway system.

5 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
6 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to G. Alan Barnett,
7 president and general manager of the Indiana Railway Museum.

