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Whereas, On September 11, 2001, acts of treacherous violence were committed against the United States and its citizens by foreign terrorists;

Whereas, These cowardly acts rendered it both necessary and appropriate that the United States exercise its rights to self-defense and to protect United States citizens both at home and abroad;

Whereas, Terrorism poses a fundamental threat to the ordered liberty that is the essence of our constitutional democracy;

Whereas, As a key part of our nation's response to these acts, Congress spent six weeks negotiating and debating law enforcement tools that both protect civil liberties while also helping detect, disrupt and prevent terrorism;

Whereas, The Congress passed the USA PATRIOT ACT (PL 107-56) On October 25, 2001 with wide, bipartisan margin (Senate 98-1, and House of Representatives 357-66) , and President George W. Bush signed the Act into law the following day;

Whereas, The USA PATRIOT Act has strengthened the nation's criminal laws against terrorism;



Whereas, The USA PATRIOT Act has enhanced the capacity of law enforcement to gather and analyze intelligence on terrorist activity;

Whereas, The USA PATRIOT Act has helped law enforcement defend against the sophisticated tactics used by modern terrorists by updating the law to reflect new technologies and new threats;

Whereas, The USA PATRIOT Act has accomplished these goals without altering the tangible legal protections that exist to preserve the privacy of law-abiding citizens;

Whereas, The Congress, in performing its constitutional role of oversight, found no instance of any abuses of the USA PATRIOT Act and in fact has praised the Justice Department for its efforts to fight terrorism and defend the lives and liberties of the American people; and

Whereas, The security provided by the USA PATRIOT Act has been a necessary and Constitutionality-appropriate means to the greater end of liberty: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives, the
- 2 Senate concurring, supports the President of the United States and
- 3 Congress in their work to defend the homeland against further terrorist
- 4 attacks.
- 5 SECTION 2. That the Indiana House of Representatives, the
- 6 Senate concurring, earnestly and resolutely supports the USA
- 7 PATRIOT Act as necessary and vital to the preservation of American
- 8 civil liberties in a way that is respectful of the legal and constitutional
- 9 safeguards of those liberties.
- 10 SECTION 3. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 11 Representatives transmit a copy of this Resolution to the President of
- 12 the United States, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker
- 13 of the House of Representatives, and the Governor of the Sate of
- 14 Indiana.

