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**HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring David Scott Tidmarsh.

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Whereas, The National Spelling Bee was started by the Louisville Courier-Journal in Kentucky in 1925 with the hope that the contest would stimulate "general interest among pupils in a dull subject";

Whereas, The E.W. Scripps Company took over the National Spelling Bee in 1941;

Whereas, Today the purpose of the National Spelling Bee is to "help students improve their spelling, increase their vocabularies, learn concepts, and develop correct English usage that will help them all their lives";

Whereas, The finals for the National Spelling Bee are held in May, but the Bee starts months before with competitions at school, local, and regional events;

Whereas, Ultimately about 250 spellers from across the country go to Washington, D.C., for the national finals;

Whereas, At the time of the national finals, all contestants must be less than 16 years of age and not have graduated from the eighth grade;

Whereas, Fourteen-year-old South Bend resident David Scott Tidmarsh bested a field of 265 spellers to become the 2004 National Spelling Bee champion;



Whereas, David won the competition by spelling autochthonous in the fifteenth round;

Whereas, An eighth-grader at Edison Intermediate Center, David is now a member of a very exclusive group; he is one of 77 people in the history of the National Spelling Bee to be declared the best speller in the nation; and

Whereas, Hard work and dedication to a goal helped this amazing young man become the best speller in the nation: 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 members of the Indiana General Assembly
- 2 congratulate David Scott Tidmarsh on his accomplishment and wish
- 3 him continued success in his future endeavors.
- 4 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 5 Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to David Scott
- 6 Tidmarsh, his parents, the principal of Edison Intermediate Center, and
- 7 the superintendent of the school corporation.

