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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

Introduced by: Fry

A RESOLUTION memorializing Emery S. Petko.

Whereas, Emery S. Petko, who passed away January 24, 2005, after a long and courageous battle against cancer, dedicated his life to his wife, his children, his grandchildren, and the Mishawaka school system;

Whereas, Mr. Petko was born in Phoenix, Arizona, to Emery and Mary Ruth Petko;

Whereas, Mr. Petko met his future wife, Peggy Layne, on April 1, 1968, and married her eight days later on April 9, 1968, a union that lasted 37 years;

Whereas, Together Emery and Peggy had two children,

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James and Stacy, and five grandchildren, Tiffany, Thomas, Sam, Matthew, and Margaret;

Whereas, Mr. Petko graduated from Phoenix Union High School and attended the University of Arizona, Purdue University, and Indiana University;

Whereas, In 1961, Mr. Petko began his apprenticeship and received his journeyman's license in 1966, working for Slutzky Peltz for many years;

Whereas, Mr. Petko was a member of the Plumbers and Pipefitters Union Local 172 and earned a Master Plumbers License in Indiana and Michigan;

Whereas, On January 1, 1995, Mr. Petko began working for the School City of Mishawaka as the Director of Buildings and Grounds; he served for 11 years on the School City of Mishawaka School Board, including four years as vice president and five years as president;

Whereas, One of Mr. Petko's greatest pleasures was watching his grandchildren play sports and compete in academic competitions;

Whereas, Mr. Petko started a petition to include softball as a varsity sport at Mishawaka High School in 1980, and, as a result of his petition and presentation to the City of Mishawaka School Board, the high school varsity softball program began;

Whereas, Mr. Petko had served as the head coach for the Mishawaka High School softball program since 1989 and expanded the program to include a summer softball program that includes the Lady Cavemen, the Bandits, and other summer softball camps; during the winter he worked with pitchers and catchers on a weekly basis to develop their talents;

Whereas, It was through his efforts that the Lady Cavemen were able to win the Indiana National Softball Association State Championship and place 7th in the National Softball Association tournament;

Whereas, Mr. Petko also served as "the voice" of many of



the Mishawaka High School sporting teams, including football, softball, girls and boys basketball, and various volleyball events; and

Whereas, Mr. Petko's death will leave a void in the lives of his family and all who knew him because in all his endeavors, Mr. Petko exhibited a positive attitude resulting in a positive effect on those around him: Therefore,

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

1 SECTION 1. That the members of the Indiana House of
2 Representatives express their sympathy to the family of Emery S. Petko
3 in their time of grief and express their gratitude for his endless hours of
4 dedicated service to the people of Mishawaka and the surrounding area.

5 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
6 Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the family of
7 Emery S. Petko.

