

**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. ____**

Introduced by: **Bischoff**

A HOUSE RESOLUTION to honor the People Helping People program on the occasion of its 20th anniversary, and to congratulate them on delivery of their one millionth can.

Whereas, People Helping People began in 1988 with a \$400.00 donation, a generous Indiana Michigan Power plant manager, an electrical mechanic, and an out of work electrician in need; and

Whereas, upon receiving this gift from John Reid, Lanny Wyatt donated the money to the family to cover living expenses and provide a nice Christmas for the family; and

Whereas, this act was the start of a non-profit organization dedicated to helping people in dire straits by collecting donations, thus People Helping People was born; and

Whereas, since 1988, People Helping People has hosted many events to raise funds to collect food for those in need in the four county region; and



Whereas, the annual marathon raises enough money to allow People Helping People to distribute \$1,000 to the Dearborn County Clearinghouse, Aurora Neighborhood Free Store, Ripley County Food Pantry, Ohio County Services from the Heart, Switzerland County American Legion Post 185, Quercus Grove Food Pantry, Milan Community Relief Fund, Ripley County American Legion Post 173, and \$2,000 to Meals on Wheels; and

Whereas, the annual golf outing and food drive are used to collect and purchase canned goods. In 1989, 2,700 cans of food were distributed. The current level of donations allows People Helping People to distribute 65,000 canned goods and \$26,000 to eleven agencies in a four county area; and

Whereas, delivery people are always thrilled to hear the many stories about families who appreciate the help they have received in a time of need; and

Whereas, People Helping People would not be possible without the support of the community, contractors, vendors, I&M Tanners Creek employees and retirees, and co-chairs Sonia Deshong and Dennis Teke; and

Whereas, what began with a \$400.00 donation has grown to over \$40,000 in donations and grants will, on its 20th anniversary, deliver its one millionth can; therefore

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

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives honor the People Helping People program.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the Indiana House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the People Helping People program.

