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Whereas, The Indianapolis Children's Choir has been a consistent source of high quality music and artistic excellence for a quarter century;

Whereas, Henry Leck founded the Indianapolis Children's Choir in 1986 as a place for young people to learn, grow, and excel in developing their musical skills and understanding through quality instruction and experiences;

Whereas, Meeting on the campus of Butler University, the Indianapolis Children's Choir is comprised of over 2,500 children from 19 counties, including every Indianapolis area suburb and nearby rural community. This diverse cross-section of central Indiana, includes children from over 352 schools, including 48 parochial schools, 14 private schools, 5 charter schools, and more than 73 home schools;

Whereas, The Indianapolis Children's Choir's 25th concert season includes nine captivating concerts, highlighted by Angels Sing, Voices of Youth, and the 25th Anniversary Gala concert;

Whereas, Angels Sing is the annual holiday celebration concert held at St. Luke's United Methodist Church. The



concert features traditional Christmas songs as well as tunes from a variety of cultures, joined by a live brass quintet, exquisite organ playing and piano accompaniment by a variety of talented artists. The 2009 Angels Sing concert included the participation of Indianapolis recording artist Angela Brown;

Whereas, Voices of Youth is the annual downtown concert held at Hilbert Circle Theatre. This year's performance on March 6th was a celebration of jazz. The Indianapolis Children's Choir performed with Sarah Scharbrough, an Indianapolis Children's Choir alum and accomplished musician;

Whereas, The 25th Anniversary Gala concert will be held on May 7, 2011 at Clowes Memorial Hall on the campus of Butler University. This momentous occasion will be the first time that all choirs in the Indianapolis Children's Choir organization will be on one stage together. This concert is a celebration of the 25 tremendous years of the Indianapolis Children's Choir. It will undoubtedly be a powerful and moving homage to children's choral music;

Whereas, The Indianapolis Children's Choir had the distinction of performing for a myriad of national professional music associations, including the American Choral Directors Association, Music Educators' National Conference, Organization of Kodaly Educators, American Orff-Schulwerk Association, Collegiate Music Society, and National Music Librarians;

Whereas, The Indianapolis Children's Choir regularly appears with orchestras, professional artists, and ensembles of the highest caliber, including numerous concerts with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra. They have also appeared on stage with the Canadian Brass, the Chieftains, Moscow Chamber Orchestra, Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra, Carmel Symphony, Dance Kaleidoscope, Indianapolis Opera, Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra, Columbus



Indiana Philharmonic, Celine Dion, Judy Collins, Denyse Graves, Sylvia McNair, and Sandi Patty. In addition, they have performed with Indianapolis native and world renowned opera singer Angela Brown, with whom they released an album;

Whereas, The Indianapolis Children's Choir sang for Indiana gubernatorial inaugurations, Governor's Arts Awards, Indiana Living Legends Award Gala, Indiana Leadership Summit, Tenth Pan Am Games, Presidential visits, Congressional Medal of Honor Memorial Dedication, the inaugural Indianapolis Prize, closing ceremonies of the International Violin Competition of Indianapolis, and much more;

Whereas, In 2003, the Indianapolis Children's Choir performed the Trio of Minuet, Indianapolis' first professional children's opera. They continued working with the Indianapolis Opera in the 2008 production of Hansel and Gretel, and the 2009 production of La Boheme;

Whereas, In 2010, the Indianapolis Children's Choir performed at the grand opening of "The Indiana Experience" at the Indiana History Center, and sang the national anthem in celebration of Kids Day for the Indiana Pacers;

Whereas, Perhaps the most iconic performance thus far by the Indianapolis Children's Choir was at the 2004 FINA World Swimming Championships, where the choir sang the national anthems for all of the award ceremonies. Their watershed performance subsequently opened the door to nationally televised performances at the NCAA Women's Final Four Championship Game, US Grand Prix/Formula One, and the international Solheim Cup tournament;

Whereas, The Indianapolis Children's Choir is led by a cadre of outstanding conductors, including Henry Leck, founder and artistic director of the Indianapolis Children's Choir, and conductor of the Bel Canto and Cantantes Angeli



Choirs. Other conductors include Ruth Dwyer, the director of education, associate director, conductor of the Chamber, Lyric, and Kantorei Choirs, and conductor of the Columbus Indiana Children's Choir (CICC) Concert Choir; Camilla Gehring, assistant director of the CICC, and conductor of the CICC Descant Choir; Sarah Hassler, associate director and conductor of the Octavo and Treble Choirs; Joshua Pedde, the assistant artistic director, and conductor of the Bel Canto and Cantantes Angeli Choirs; Lauren Southard, director of the St. Vincent Unity Development Center Choir; and Cheryl West, associate director and conductor of the Indianapolis Youth Chorale;

Whereas, The Indianapolis Children's Choir also has several outstanding regional choir conductors, including Leslie Carter, regional director and conductor of the Carmel Choir; Mary Rinck Evers, regional director and conductor of the Greenfield Choir; Andrew M. Himelick, regional director and conductor of the Zionsville Choir; Cindy Johnson, regional director and conductor of the Fishers Choir; Jennie Poe Kistner, regional director and conductor of the Lebanon Choir; Erin Quandt, regional director and conductor of the Eastside Choir; Erin Slavens, regional director and conductor of the Avon Choir; Monika Spangler, regional director and conductor of the Fishers Choir; and Robyn Ton, regional director and conductor of the Center Grove Choir; and

Whereas, The Indianapolis Children's Choir's 25th anniversary is a momentous occasion sure to be filled with outstanding music: Therefore,

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The Indiana General Assembly congratulates the
- 2 Indianapolis Children's Choir on their 25th anniversary.
- 3 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to



1 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Henry Leck, founder and artistic
2 director of the Indianapolis Children's Choir; the directors of the
3 auditioned choirs, Leslie Carter, Ruth Dwyer, Mary Rinck Evers,
4 Camilla Gehring, Sarah Hassler, Andrew M. Himelick, Cindy Johnson,
5 Jennie Poe Kistner, Joshua Pedde, Erin Quandt, Erin Slavens, Lauren
6 Southard, Monika Spangler, Robyn Ton, Cheryl West; and the
7 Indianapolis Children's Choir's Board of Directors, Brad Arthur,
8 President; Jeff Mortier, Executive Vice President; Linda Wallace,
9 Treasurer; William Batt, Associate Treasurer; Maria Fletcher,
10 Secretary of the Board; Eric Moy, Executive Committee; Matt Carter,
11 Joe Gonzalez, Toni Kanzler, Bobbi Lovenheim, Robert Lubitz, Jo Ann
12 Lynch, Haley Moore, Judy Roudebush, Michael Sells, Greg Sinise,
13 Don Steffy, Ken Roberts, Kate Vaulter, and Timothy J. White.

