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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION recognizing Strack & Van Til
2 on the occasion of its 91st Anniversary.

3 *Whereas, Strack & Van Til is a grocery store chain with*
4 *locations in Northwest Indiana operating as Strack & Van Til*
5 *and Town & Country Food Market;*

6 *Whereas, Ernie Strack immigrated to the United States*
7 *beginning his first job as a farmer's aid in St. Louis, Missouri,*
8 *in 1927;*

9 *Whereas, Mr. Strack was hired as janitorial staff at a Kroger*
10 *grocery store in Gary, Indiana, in 1928 and became the store*
11 *manager after four months on the job;*

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1 *Whereas, In 1930 Nick Van Til, a grocery delivery boy from*
2 *Griffith, Indiana, entered into a partnership with his employer,*
3 *who later sold him the store in 1936;*

4 *Whereas, Mr. Strack opened an additional store at Main and*
5 *Broad streets in downtown Griffith, Indiana, in 1946;*

6 *Whereas, Mr. Van Til grew his store into a well established*
7 *business and incorporated in 1954;*

8 *Whereas, Mr. Strack and Mr. Van Til partnered to open the*
9 *first Strack & Van Til in Highland, Indiana, in 1960;*

10 *Whereas, Strack & Van Til expanded over the next 30 years*
11 *with innovations that brought additional customers and market*
12 *share before the cofounders, Van Til and Strack, passed away*
13 *in 1987 and 1991, respectively;*

14 *Whereas, The Strack and Van Til families continue to build*
15 *upon a legacy of hard work and innovation ,with deep roots in*
16 *their community, to grow market share and provide for their*
17 *customers; and*

18 *Whereas, Strack & Van Til has grown to be one of the*
19 *leading grocery chains in the Chicago metropolitan area:*
20 *Therefore,*

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

23 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives
24 recognizes Strack & Van Til on the occasion of its 91st
25 anniversary.

26 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
27 Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to the
28 office of State Representative Lisa Beck for distribution.

