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**HOUSE  
RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_**

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*Introduced by: McNamara, Bacon, Hatfield, Sullivan*

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1           A HOUSE RESOLUTION remembering Dr. David L.  
2           Rice.

3           *Whereas, Dr. David L. Rice passed away on January 15,*  
4           *2020, at the age of 90;*

5           *Whereas, Dr. Rice will be remembered for his many*  
6           *contributions to Indiana as the founding and first president of*  
7           *the University of Southern Indiana;*

8           *Whereas, Dr. Rice was born April 1, 1929, to Elmer J. and*  
9           *Katie Tate Rice in New Market, Indiana;*

10          *Whereas, Dr. Rice earned his bachelor of science in*  
11          *agriculture at Purdue University before serving in the United*  
12          *States Army infantry during the Korean War;*

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1        *Whereas, Dr. Rice returned from the Korean War and taught*  
2        *at public schools in Wallace, Indiana, while he completed*  
3        *master's and doctoral degrees in education at Purdue*  
4        *University;*

5        *Whereas, Dr. Rice served as faculty and as director of*  
6        *research at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana, before*  
7        *contributing his leadership and expertise to the Cooperative*  
8        *Education Research Laboratory in Indianapolis;*

9        *Whereas, Dr. Rice also served as research coordinator in the*  
10       *Bureau of Research for the U.S. Office of Education in*  
11       *Washington, D.C., before moving his family to Evansville,*  
12       *Indiana, in 1967 where he served as the first dean appointed to*  
13       *lead the Evansville campus of Indiana State University;*

14       *Whereas, Enrollment at the small campus grew under Dr.*  
15       *Rice's leadership and exceeded the expectations of naysayers*  
16       *who believed that a public institution for higher education was*  
17       *unnecessary in the region;*

18       *Whereas, Dr. Rice was recognized for his leadership and*  
19       *named president of the campus in 1971;*

20       *Whereas, Dr. Rice oversaw the evolution of ISU's southern*  
21       *campus into a separate state university, and he supported*  
22       *efforts that expanded curricula from limited two year degree*  
23       *programs to a wide range of opportunities including*  
24       *baccalaureate and master's degree programs; and*

25       *Whereas, Enrollment under Dr. Rice's leadership grew from*  
26       *992 students to 7,443 during his tenure at the University of*  
27       *Southern Indiana: Therefore,*

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

30        SECTION 1. That members of the Indiana General  
31        Assembly remember Dr. David L. Rice for his humble and  
32        visionary leadership and his many contributions to the state of  
33        Indiana.

34        SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of



1 Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to the  
2 office of State Representative Wendy McNamara for  
3 distribution.

