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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION recognizing February 16 - 22, 2014, as "Indiana Court Reporting and Captioning Week".

Whereas, For thousands of years, individuals have wanted the spoken word translated into text to record history and have relied on scribes to accomplish this task;

Whereas, The profession of scribe was born with the rise of civilization;

Whereas, In Ancient Egypt, scribes were considered to be the literate elite, recording laws and other important documents and, since that time, have served as impartial witnesses to history;

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Whereas, Scribes were present with our nation's founding fathers when the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights were drafted;

Whereas, President Lincoln entrusted scribes to record the Emancipation Proclamation;

Whereas, Since the advent of shorthand machines, these scribes have been known as court reporters and have played a permanent and invaluable role in courtrooms across our country;

Whereas, Court reporters and captioners are responsible for the closed captioning seen scrolling across television screens, at sporting stadiums, and in other community and educational settings, bringing information to millions of deaf and hard-of-hearing Americans every day;

Whereas, Court reporters and captioners translate the spoken word into text and preserve our history; and

Whereas, Whether called the scribes of yesterday or the court reporters and captioners of today, the individuals who preserve our nation's history are truly the guardians of the record: Therefore,

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

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives
2 recognizes February 16-22, 2014, as "Indiana Court Reporting and
3 Captioning Week" and urges the Governor to issue a proclamation
4 calling on the people of the great state of Indiana to observe the day
5 with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and educational activities.

6 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
7 Representatives transmit copies of this resolution to Governor Michael
8 Pence and Michael Leppert.

