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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION honoring Representative Bill
2 Friend.

3 *Whereas, Representative Bill Friend, who was first elected*
4 *to represent the citizens of House District 23 in 1992, will be*
5 *leaving the House Chamber for the last time at the end of the*
6 *2018 legislative session;*

7 *Whereas, During his time in the House of Representatives,*
8 *Representative Friend has served as Minority Floor Leader,*
9 *Speaker Pro Tempore and as a member of the Agriculture and*
10 *Rural Development Committee, Natural Resources Committee,*
11 *Environmental Affairs Committee, Statutory Committee on*
12 *Interstate and International Cooperation, Joint Rules*
13 *Committee, and Ways and Means Committee;*

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1 *Whereas, In addition to his work at the Statehouse,*
2 *Representative Friend is an active member of several civic*
3 *organizations including the Mexico Baptist Church as a Sunday*
4 *school teacher for over 25 years, Lincoln Lodge #523 F. &*
5 *A.M., Scottish Rite, and Murat Shrine;*

6 *Whereas, Before his time at the Statehouse, Representative*
7 *Friend served as the Allen Township Trustee and Assessor,*
8 *Miami County Auditor, Vice President of the Miami County*
9 *Council, Peru-Miami County Economic Development*
10 *Corporation, Grissom Redevelopment Authority Treasurer, and*
11 *Solid Waste District Fiscal Officer;*

12 *Whereas, Representative Friend was named the 2003*
13 *Distinguished Alumni by the University of Indianapolis; 2006*
14 *Hardwood Hero by the Indiana Hardwood Lumberman's*
15 *Association; and received the Industry Meritorious Service*
16 *Award, Indiana Pork Producers Association; Friend of*
17 *Conservation Award, presented by SWCD; Accomplishment*
18 *Award, Soil and Water Conservation Districts Society; and the*
19 *Golden Shovel Award, presented by the Peru-Miami County*
20 *Economic Development Corp.;*

21 *Whereas, Representative Friend is the owner and operator*
22 *of Friend Farms and President of Green Acres Ham LLC;*

23 *Whereas, Representative Friend graduated from North*
24 *Miami High School in 1967 and received a bachelor's degree*
25 *in biology from the University of Indianapolis in 1971;*

26 *Whereas, Representative Friend is married to Ann and they*
27 *have three children: Chris, Mandy and Daniel, and two*
28 *grandchildren, William and Sara Ann; and*

29 *Whereas, Representative Bill Friend has served his*
30 *constituency loyally and faithfully since his election to the*
31 *House of Representatives: Therefore,*

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

34 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives bids



1 a fond farewell to Representative Bill Friend. The House of
2 Representatives has seen only good things during his tenure.
3 Legislators and staff alike will miss him greatly. His departure
4 will leave a void that never will be truly filled.

5 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
6 Representatives transmit copies of this resolution to
7 Representative Bill Friend and his family.

