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Crosby, Frizzell**

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Whereas, the gift of eyesight is recognized as one of the most valuable of the senses; and

Whereas, eye diseases can occur at any age, and many of them do not cause symptoms until the disease has caused damage; and

Whereas, eye injuries, 90% of which are preventable, are a major cause of monocular blindness and visual impairment in the United States; and

Whereas, children need to be examined for farsightedness, nearsightedness, crossed eyes, "lazy eye" and other conditions before they start school; and

Whereas, during the week of March 7-13, 1999, the Indiana Optometric Association, in cooperation with the American Optometric Association's VISION USA program, celebrated National Save Your Vision Week; and

Whereas, VISION USA, an acronym for "Volunteers In Service In Our Nation", is a program wherein volunteer optometrists provide free, basic eye health, vision care services and necessary eyewear for uninsured, low-income workers and their families; and

Whereas, each of the nearly 260 Indiana optometrists participating

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in VISION USA in 1999 agreed to provide free eye examinations for up to eight qualified VISION USA patients. These eye care professionals have donated more than 16,500 examinations cumulatively over the eight year life of VISION USA; and

Whereas, great positive impact is being made on our state by those who continually volunteer their time for worthy causes such as annual school vision screenings for children and Save Your Vision Week; now, therefore

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

- 1 SECTION 1. the Indiana General Assembly officially notes the
- 2 importance of good eye health care and recognizes the many Indiana
- 3 optometrists who annually give so generously of their time and skills
- 4 to make it possible for all Hoosiers to get the eye health care they need,
- 5 and
- 6 SECTION 2. the Indiana General Assembly further specifically
- 7 commends and salutes the hundreds of Indiana optometrists who
- 8 participated in Save Your Vision Week, March 7-13, 1999 and in
- 9 VISION USA, 1999.
- 10 SECTION 3. That the Principal Clerk of the Indiana House of
- 11 Representatives transmit a copy of this Concurrent Resolution to
- 12 Representatives Welch, Kruzan, T. Brown, Becker, Crosby, Frizzell:
- 13 Senator Simpson.

