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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION honoring Joseph Kowalewski for his dedication and service to his country during World War II.

WHEREAS, *Joseph Kowalewski served in the United States Army First Infantry Division for 4½ years during World War II;*

WHEREAS, *Raised in Detroit, Joseph has lived in Grant County since 1978;*

WHEREAS, *Mr. Kowalewski sent to the battle overseas in 1941 - when he was just 21 years of age;*

WHEREAS, *During World War II he served in Africa, Iran and Algiers and also spent time in Sicily and England;*

WHEREAS, *Joseph was part of the second wave at Normandy where he remembers coming up on the landing area with mortar shells exploding all around him and most of the first wave injured or*



mortally wounded on the beach;

WHEREAS, On the second day of Normandy Joseph was shot in the leg and sent back to England;

WHEREAS, Only six months after being injured, Joseph was shipped to the campaign in Germany where he served along the front lines;

WHEREAS, In 1998, 53 years after his service ended, Joseph was finally awarded the 12 medals he earned in the United States Army as well as braiding from the French;

WHEREAS, Mr. Kowalewski has been awarded a Purple Heart for his leg injury, a Bronze Star for bravery in battle, a Good Conduct Medal, medals for the different campaigns he served in as well as representing his division;

WHEREAS, Without soldiers such as Joseph Kowalewski America would not be the leader of the free world and we would not be able to enjoy the life which we have today; and

WHEREAS, The State of Indiana owes a great deal to Joseph Kowalewski, those soldiers who made it home and those who bravely gave their lives so that we may be free: Therefore,

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

Section 1. The Indiana House of Representatives honors Joseph Kowalewski for his bravery to assure the freedom of every American as he served in the U.S. Army's First Infantry Division during World War II.

Section 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Joseph Kowalewski.

