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# HOUSE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION Stating Legislative Intent for Indiana to Actively Pursue Resources and Programs such as Character First! to Make Indiana a State of Character.

*Whereas, Our nation and our state are experiencing an unprecedented rise in crime, especially among our youth;*

*Whereas, Crimes committed by our youth are occurring at younger ages and are becoming more violent;*

*Whereas, A greater number of school children are coming from single parent families, which makes them more vulnerable to peer dependence, drugs, promiscuity, and gangs;*

*Whereas, There has been a breakdown in the clear understanding of what constitutes right and wrong, a fact that is made worse by a lack of moral teaching in our schools;*



*Whereas, Rehabilitative programs available for these juvenile offenders are faced with the challenge of a lack of adequate facilities and high rate of recidivism;*

*Whereas, Business and industry are being burdened with the consequences of the breakdown of the moral fabric of our society;*

*Whereas, Government itself is powerless to overcome these cancers on society;*

*Whereas, Families are being destroyed by the problems our youth are dealing with in substance abuse, the breakdown of sexual mores, and the lack of vision for the future; and*

*Whereas, A growing number of cities have experienced an amazingly high rate of success in rehabilitating juvenile delinquents and restoring broken families by practical, time proven programs that have been adopted into a program of city wide emphasis on character, which includes teaching character in public schools, emphasizing character in businesses, promoting character in churches and homes, proclaiming character qualities on billboards, and featuring character in the media: Therefore,*

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

- 1           SECTION 1. That Indiana will join the growing number of states
- 2           and cities that are actively pursuing the process of becoming States and
- 3           Cities of Character and promoting character development in our
- 4           children at school, character in our businesses, character in our
- 5           government and institutions, and character in our homes.
- 6           SECTION 2. That the goal of the state of Indiana is to be known
- 7           around the world as a State of Character, a state that cares.

