

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

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Introduced by: Mahern

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION to commemorate the life of  
Thomas Lee Edens.

Whereas, Thomas Lee Edens died October 22, 1999 following a  
full life contributing to our community;

Whereas, Thomas Lee Edens lived an active life in the performing  
arts as a country and gospel music artist and music theater manager,  
and considered his professional music career to have been the  
realization of a lifelong dream to entertain others with music that  
mattered;

Whereas, Thomas Lee Edens was co-founder of the Indiana  
chapter of The Names Project, the national AIDS quilt organization;

Whereas, Thomas Lee Edens served as a public speaker to educate  
people throughout Indiana about HIV and AIDS;

Whereas, Thomas Lee Edens served as a fundraiser for The  
Damien Center, Parkview Manor and AIDServe Indiana;



Whereas, Thomas Lee Edens published Singing My Song, an autobiography about religious faith and living with AIDS;

Whereas, Thomas Lee Edens organized the first Super Star Awards Gala, an event that recognizes volunteers, service providers and care givers for their efforts in the fight against AIDS; and

Whereas, Thomas Lee Edens is survived by his brothers and sisters: Kestner Edens, Jr., Donna Sue Fulton, Charles Edens, James Edens, Virginia Wolfe, Leroy Purtlebaugh, Linda Spenneberg, Donald Purtlebaugh, Sherri Glasson, Charles Purtlebaugh and Tammy Tidd. Therefore:

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

SECTION 1. The House of Representatives of the Indiana General Assembly commemorates the life of Thomas Lee Edens and honors his important and enduring contributions to the people of Indiana.

SECTION 2. The Principal Clerk of the House is directed to furnish a copy of this resolution to the surviving family of Thomas Lee Edens.

