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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. ____**

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A RESOLUTION honoring the 1958 Springs Valley High School boys basketball team on the 45th anniversary of its trip to the state finals.

Whereas, The French Lick and West Baden schools were consolidated in the 1957-1958 school year to form Springs Valley High School;

Whereas, In the first year of its existence, the Springs Valley Blackhawks boys basketball team became one of the greatest teams in Indiana high school basketball history;

Whereas, The Blackhawks ended the regular season undefeated;



Whereas, The Blackhawks' first step toward the state finals was an impressive 25-point sectional win over highly ranked Huntingburg, the tournament host;

Whereas, In the regional, the Blackhawks defeated Vincennes, and in the semi-state, they soundly defeated Terre Haute Gerstmeyer, a team that won semi-state championships in 1953, 1954, 1956, and 1957;

Whereas, The Blackhawks had a 17-point victory in the semi-state championship game, earning a trip to the final four;

Whereas, A trip to the final four is a feat no other team in the county performed before or since;

Whereas, Team members Bob McCracken and Marvin Pruett were named to the Indiana All-Star team in 1958 and 1959, respectively, and Rex Wells was named the Indiana Coach of the Year;

Whereas, The 1958 Blackhawk team united the communities of West Baden and French Lick with its outstanding basketball, turning fierce rivals into allies; and

Whereas, The players of the 1958 Springs Valley High School basketball team became local heroes and basketball legends who will live on in the annals of basketball forever: Therefore,

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

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives
2 remembers the outstanding 1958 Springs Valley High School
3 basketball team on the 45th anniversary of its trip to the state
4 championship.

5 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
6 Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the principal
7 of Springs Valley High School.

