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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

Introduced by: Burton

A RESOLUTION honoring Kenneth and Ruth Ellen Long.

Whereas, Kenneth and Ruth Ellen Long are fitness and running enthusiasts;

Whereas, Kenneth Long was born in Clark Township on September 3, 1938, and Ruth Ellen was born on January 6, 1941;

Whereas, During high school, Kenneth was active in sports, particularly track and cross-country, and Ruth Ellen enjoyed band and club activities;

Whereas, As Kenneth concentrated on establishing his

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career, he abandoned the active lifestyle of his younger days;

Whereas, Ruth Ellen, running at the age of 36 in 1977, challenged him to a race;

Whereas, Kenneth was inspired by the challenge to improve his health through running and then qualified and ran in the Boston Marathon in 1982;

Whereas, In 1978, Kenneth and Ruth Ellen opened The Runners Forum, a specialty store for running footwear, apparel, and accessories, and began to organize runs to promote the store;

Whereas, In 1988, Kenneth and Ruth Ellen sold the retail portion of their business and renamed the special events portion Ken Long & Associates, specializing in the organization and administration of runs and walks; and

Whereas, In addition to his devotion to physical fitness, Kenneth Long serves on the 500 Festival Board, acted as the race director of the 500 Festival Mini-Marathon, the Long Distance Chairman, and President of the Indiana chapter of the USA Track and Field Association: 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 recognizes Kenneth and Ruth Ellen Long for their dedication to
3 physical fitness and their efforts to help Hoosiers enjoy physical fitness.

4 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
5 Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Kenneth and
6 Ruth Ellen Long.

