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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. ____**

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A RESOLUTION supporting the Harriet Tubman holiday recognizing the contributions and achievements of all women.

Whereas, Harriet Ross Tubman was born into slavery in Bucktown, Maryland, in or around 1820;

Whereas, In 1849 she escaped slavery and became a "conductor" on the Underground Railroad, a series of stops and safe houses running north and providing an avenue of escape to freedom for hundreds of slaves;

Whereas, Mrs. Tubman reportedly undertook 19 trips as a conductor, despite great hardship and serious danger, in order to lead others to freedom;

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Whereas, During the Civil War, Harriet Tubman served in the Union Army as a nurse, scout, spy, and cook; and

Whereas, Harriet Tubman, whose courageous and dedicated pursuit of the promise of American ideals and common principles of humanity continues to inspire all people who cherish freedom, died at her home in Auburn, New York, on March 10, 1913: 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 supports
- 2 the observation of March 20, 2007, as "Harriet Tubman Day" and
- 3 encourages citizens everywhere to celebrate the contributions and
- 4 achievements of all women, regardless of race, creed, color, national
- 5 origin, or social or economic status, in the spirit of Harriet Tubman.
- 6 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 7 Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to The National
- 8 Harriet Tubman Holiday Committee.

