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**HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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Whereas, The defense of freedom and the democratic form of government enjoyed by Indiana citizens is primary to its citizens;

Whereas, Indiana members of the armed forces have been, are, and will continue to be deployed overseas, often to hostile environments;

Whereas, The stress of combat may cause Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) in as many as one in eight deployed members of the armed forces;

Whereas, Stresses of military deployments and PTSD may also affect family members;

Whereas, Treatment of members of the armed forces and their families is primarily accomplished by nonmilitary physicians throughout the state of Indiana;

Whereas, Presenting medical complaints may be a manifestation of, or exacerbated by, stress disorders; and

Whereas, Early compassionate treatment of patients and their families is more likely to lead to successful resolution of stress disorders, thereby decreasing the likelihood of chronic symptoms or even permanent disability: Therefore,



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

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly supports
2 compassionate treatment and efforts to raise awareness of PTSD and
3 other associated psychiatric disorders related to the unique stresses of
4 members of the armed forces and their families.
- 5 SECTION 2. That the Indiana General Assembly encourages
6 physicians throughout Indiana to query patients and their families
7 regarding stresses related to military deployment.
- 8 SECTION 3. That the Indiana General Assembly encourages the
9 Indiana State Medical Association to promote awareness and
10 disseminate information regarding resources that are available for the
11 assistance of members of the armed forces and their families.
- 12 SECTION 4. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
13 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the Indiana State
14 Medical Association.

