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The invocation was offered by Reverend Glen Clarkson, Old Bethel United Methodist Church, Indianapolis.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Representative W. Trent VanHaaften.

The House convened at 1:00 p.m. with Speaker B. Patrick Bauer in the Chair.

The Speaker ordered the roll of the House to be called:

Austin	Kersey
Avery	Klinker
Bardon	Knollman
Barnes	Koch
Bartlett	L. Lawson
Battles	Lehe
Behning	Lehman
Bell	Leonard
Bischoff	Lutz
Blanton	McClain
Borders	Messmer
Borror	Michael
Bosma	Moseley ☐
C. Brown	Moses
T. Brown	Murphy
Burton	Neese
Candelaria Reardon	Niezgodski
Cheatham	Noe
Cherry	Oxley
Clements	Pearson
Clere	Pelath
Crawford	Pflum
Crouch	Pierce
Culver	Pond
Davis ☐	Porter
Day	Pryor
DeLaney	Reske
Dembowski	Richardson
Dermody	Riecken
Dobis ☐	Robertson
Dodge	Ruppel
Duncan	Saunders
Dvorak	M. Smith
Eberhart	V. Smith
Espich	Soliday
Foley	Stemler
Friend	Steuerwald
Frizzell	Stevenson
Fry	Stilwell
GiaQuinta	Sullivan
Goodin	Summers
Grubb	Thompson
Gutwein	Tincher
Harris	Torr
Herrell	Truitt
Hinkle	Turner

Tyler
VanDenburgh
VanHaaften
Walorski

Welch
Wolkins
Yarde
Mr. Speaker

Roll Call 325: 97 present; 3 excused. The Speaker announced a quorum in attendance. [NOTE: ☐ indicates those who were excused.]

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that when we do adjourn, we adjourn until Thursday, March 5, 2009, at 10:00 a.m.

BISCHOFF

The motion was adopted by a constitutional majority.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed House Concurrent Resolutions 26, 27, and 28 and the same are herewith returned to the House.

JENNIFER L. MERTZ
Principal Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed Senate Concurrent Resolutions 28 and 39 and the same are herewith transmitted to the House for further action.

JENNIFER L. MERTZ
Principal Secretary of the Senate

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representatives Bosma, Reske, and Duncan be added as cosponsors of Senate Concurrent Resolution 39.

AUSTIN

Motion prevailed.

RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING

House Concurrent Resolution 30

Representatives C. Brown, Stilwell, Crouch, VanHaaften, and Avery introduced House Concurrent Resolution 30:

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION memorializing John Jefferson "Jeff" Hays.

Whereas, John Jefferson "Jeff" Hays was born on December 27, 1929, in Archer City, Texas, the fourth child of Vera Pruitt Hays and Joseph Colin Hays;

Whereas, Jeff Hays graduated from Evansville Reitz Memorial High School in 1947;

Whereas, In the fall of 1947, Jeff Hays entered the University of Evansville on a football scholarship;

Whereas, His active participation in the U.S. Army was "adamantly encouraged" in August 1951;

Whereas, After completing training at Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky, Jeff Hays was sent to Korea in May 1952 and spent three months on the front lines with an infantry company of the 45th Division, later transferring to the Office of Public Information for Division Headquarters and eventually editing the division newspaper from a newspaper print shop in Tokyo, Japan;

Whereas, Jeff Hays was awarded a Bronze Star decoration in connection with "military operations against an armed enemy in Korea" and for "front line coverage under enemy fire which contributed materially to the morale and welfare of the men in the 45th Division";

Whereas, Jeff Hays was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army in August 1953;

Whereas, Following his military service, Jeff Hays re-entered the University of Evansville, graduating in 1955 with a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing with a minor in journalism;

Whereas, He lived out his own indomitable spirit of public service and faith in the democratic principles of our nation;

Whereas, Jeff Hays faithfully, humbly, and honorably served in the Indiana House of Representatives from 1970 to 1996, actively representing the citizens of Evansville's Central City and Southeastern Vanderburgh County;

Whereas, Jeff Hays was a valued member of the powerful budget-writing House Ways & Means Committee and served as chairman of the House Standing Committee on Commerce;

Whereas, His legislative successes were consistently achieved in pursuit of social justice and equal opportunity for all;

Whereas, Among the political achievements of which Jeff Hays was proudest included running as the Democratic candidate for mayor in 1975 (losing to the late Russell G. Lloyd, Sr.), supporting U.S. Senator Edward "Ted" Kennedy for president in 1980, and serving as a delegate to the 1992 Democratic Party National Convention that first nominated Bill Clinton for president;

Whereas, Jeff Hays passed from this life on December 22, 2008; and

Whereas, His wife, children, and grandchildren were the greatest delights in his life, far and away his favorite subject of conversation within the halls of the statehouse and elsewhere: Therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That the members of the Indiana General Assembly send our greetings, condolences, and salutations to the family, friends, and former constituents of our beloved colleague, John Jefferson "Jeff" Hays. His life exemplified the powers of hard work and devotion when directed purposefully to a worthy cause.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the family of John Jefferson "Jeff" Hays.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote. The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the passage of the resolution. Senate sponsors: Senators Becker, Deig, and Hume.

The Speaker yielded the gavel to the Deputy Speaker Pro Tempore, Representative Harris.

House Concurrent Resolution 31

Representative Tyler introduced House Concurrent Resolution 31:

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring the Ball State University football team.

Whereas, On November 25, 2008, Ball State's football team completed the regular season with a 12-0 record;

Whereas, This marks only the third undefeated regular season in Ball State's 84-year history, and the twelve straight wins was the third longest winning streak in school history;

Whereas, The Cardinals won the Mid-American Conference West Division, advanced to the MAC Championship Game and competed in a second straight bowl game;

Whereas, Ball State's twelve victories in 2008 set a school record for most wins in a single season;

Whereas, Ball State's 8-0 MAC season marked the second undefeated league champion in Ball State history;

Whereas, Ball State won the school's first ever outright division title and played Tulsa in the GMAC Bowl;

Whereas, Ball State was ranked as high as twelfth in the Bowl Championship Series Standings and the Associated Press Poll;

Whereas, The Cardinals were ranked in all three national polls for nine straight weeks;

Whereas, Ball State was one of only four of the 119 Football Bowl Subdivision teams in the nation to complete the regular season undefeated in 2008; and

Whereas, It is fitting that the players and coaches of this team be recognized: Therefore,

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

SECTION 1: That the Indiana General Assembly recognize and honor the achievements of the 2008 Ball State University football team.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the Indiana House of Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Ball State University.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote. The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the passage of the resolution. Senate sponsor: Senator Errington.

House Concurrent Resolution 32

Representative Porter introduced House Concurrent Resolution 32:

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring James E. Hester, Jr.

Whereas, James E. Hester, Jr. is an accomplished photojournalist who has served in many capacities throughout his career;

Whereas, James E. Hester, Jr. attended Northwest High School and graduated from Ball State University and the National Press Photographers Association Photojournalism School;

Whereas, James began his career in the News Studio Production department at WISH-TV in 1977 and has served as a news photographer and the statehouse/political photographer;

Whereas, In addition to the responsibilities of his job, James serves as an adjunct faculty member at the University of Indianapolis and Ball State University;

Whereas, James has served in various positions for several professional associations, including director of job information for the Bank National Press Photographers Association and secretary/treasurer of the Indiana Press Photographers Association, and has been a member of the National Association of Black Journalists;

Whereas, James E. Hester, Jr. is an award winning photojournalist at the national, regional, and local levels and is well-known and respected throughout the area;

Whereas, Pictures help us remember the events of our lives. James E. Hester, Jr. has helped the citizens of our state remember important events that have occurred throughout the years: Therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly acknowledges the accomplishments and contributions made by James E. Hester, Jr. and wishes him continued success in all his endeavors.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to James E. Hester, Jr.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote. The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the passage of the resolution. Senate sponsor: Senator Breaux.

House Concurrent Resolution 33

Representative Porter introduced House Concurrent Resolution 33:

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION recognizing the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra School Partnership Program.

Whereas, Since May 2000, the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra has sponsored an innovative school partnership program;

Whereas, The purpose of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra School Partnership Program is "to create a comprehensive way to support elementary school teachers in meeting Indiana's state education standards and elevating the potential for success for at-risk youth";

Whereas, Over these eight years, the Learning Community of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra has gained expertise in developing and delivering art-integrated programs;

Whereas, The partnership between Indianapolis schools and the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra has created an environment that encourages and enables schools to develop new and creative teaching strategies;

Whereas, Teachers are interested in using the connection between the arts and the classroom to illuminate classroom concepts;

Whereas, The Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra School Partnership Program has helped administrators who are searching for programs to motivate and engage students in learning and parents who want a rich, diverse, and well-rounded education for their children;

Whereas, Musicians participating in the School Partnership Program are well prepared when they arrive at the schools, having received training in classroom management;

Whereas, Children participating in the program are noticeably affected by the artists' visits and the opportunity to watch the symphony perform live; and

Whereas, As Indiana's largest performing arts organization and one of only 17 full-time symphony orchestras operating in the United States, the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra is more than qualified to deliver outstanding programs to the students of Indiana: Therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly extends its sincerest appreciation to the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra for establishing the School Partnership Program to develop new and creative teaching strategies and to enrich the lives of Hoosier students.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra and the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote. The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the passage of the resolution. Senate sponsor: Senator Lubbers.

House Concurrent Resolution 34

Representatives Kersey, Tincher, Grubb, Michael, and Borders introduced House Concurrent Resolution 34:

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION recognizing the Wabash River as a unique heritage resource.

Whereas, From the 17th through the 19th century, the Wabash River was part of an important trade route connecting Canada and the Great Lakes to the Mississippi River and allowing Hoosiers to ship their goods as far as New Orleans;

Whereas, The early economic life of Terre Haute, founded in 1816, was dependent on the river and the industry that thrived on its banks;

Whereas, The decline of river commerce in the 20th century resulted in declining utilization of the Wabash River as a resource for trade;

Whereas, The Wabash River remains an exceptional natural resource with enormous potential for recreational, educational, and cultural purposes, including serving as the backdrop for Fairbanks Park and a scenic destination on the Historic National Road, a National Scenic Byway with an expanse covering six states;

Whereas, The Indiana Department of Natural Resources, the Natural Resource Conservation Service, the Vigo County Parks and Recreation Department, Vigo County Government, the City of Terre Haute, the Town of West Terre Haute, the Terre Haute Chamber of Commerce, the Wabash Valley Community Foundation, Indiana State University, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, Sisters of Providence, the Vigo County School Corporation, the West Vigo Levy Association, Ms. Susie Dewey, Duke Energy, the National Wild Turkey Federation, and the West Central Indiana Economic Development District, with the assistance of the Indiana Heritage Trust Fund, have partnered to create the newly established Wabash River National Road Wetland Reservation;

Whereas, The quality of life of people of Terre Haute/Vigo County and west-central Indiana would be greatly enhanced by continued revitalization of the riverfront corridor; and

Whereas, Revitalization of the riverfront corridor will preserve and make available over 5,000 acres of natural resources for recreation, education, and cultural use, contributing to the health and economic well-being of the citizens of Indiana: Therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes the Wabash River as a unique heritage resource and encourages the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Wabash Riverfront Development and Beautification, Inc., and the citizens of west-central Indiana to revitalize the riverfront and restore the adjacent wetlands in order to ensure access to the river's resources for generations of Hoosiers.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and Wabash Riverfront Development and Beautification, Inc.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote. The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the passage of the resolution. Senate sponsor: Senator Skinner.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 39

The Speaker handed down Senate Concurrent Resolution 39, sponsored by Representatives Austin, Bosma, Reske, and Duncan:

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION commemorating the 50th anniversary of the American Council of Engineering Companies of Indiana.

Whereas, The American Council of Engineering Companies of Indiana (ACEC Indiana) has acted as the business voice of the Indiana professional consulting engineering industry since 1959, and has increasingly promoted positive state and national policy affecting the industry;

Whereas, Indiana engineers develop and design the infrastructure that supports the future economic health of the state, through employment within firms and jobs created within supplemental industry sectors;

Whereas, ACEC Indiana represents more than 100 firms that employ more than 5,000 engineers, architects, planners, geologists, soil scientists, and other experienced professionals; professionals who are committed to the continued protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the people of Indiana;

Whereas, ACEC Indiana firms partner with state agencies, local governments, and private developers to advance vital public interests, promote projects critical to developing infrastructure that fosters a healthy business climate and conceive plans to clean up and protect the environment; and

Whereas, Professional consulting engineers, equipped with the support of ACEC Indiana, envision and build the future, and continuously strive for the progressive and productive solutions to modern challenges facing our state and nation; Therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly acknowledges 50 years of important work done by ACEC Indiana and its members by commemorating the February 17, 1959, founding of the organization.

SECTION 2. That the Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the officers of the ACEC Indiana.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote. The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the passage of the resolution.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 42

The Speaker handed down Senate Concurrent Resolution 42,

sponsored by Representative Sullivan:

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION congratulating Hallie Bryant for the accomplishment of being added to the Harlem Globetrotters Ring of Legends.

Whereas, On Monday, January 19, 2009, Hallie Bryant was honored by the Harlem Globetrotters and added to the Ring of Legends recognizing his contributions outside basketball and in developing the Globetrotters' brand. Mr. Bryant is only the twenty-eighth person in the Globetrotters' eighty-three year history to receive the distinction;

Whereas, The Harlem Globetrotters first attempted to honor Mr. Bryant in 1998, but he respectfully declined recommending his teammate and childhood friend, Willie Gardner. Mr. Gardner was then suffering from diabetes and died of a heart condition two years later;

Whereas, Mr. Bryant began his basketball career at Indianapolis Crispus Attucks High School where he was named Indiana Mr. Basketball in 1953. He then went on to play for Indiana University and was a member of the Co-Big Ten championship team in 1957;

Whereas, Following college graduation Mr. Bryant spent two years in the United States Army where he became a commissioned officer. Upon completion of his military duty, Mr. Bryant joined the Harlem Globetrotters and stayed for the next twenty-seven years.

Whereas, Mr. Bryant spent thirteen years as a Globetrotter player and fourteen years in various public relations capacities. With the Globetrotters Mr. Bryant visited almost ninety different countries, but has always found his way back home to Indiana;

Whereas, Mr. Bryant was inducted into the Indiana High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame in 1978, the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in 1983, and the Indiana University Basketball Hall of Fame in 1998;

Whereas, In 2002 Mr. Bryant published his first book, Hallie's Comet: Breaking the CODE, a self-help book aimed towards readers developing harmony for self-mastery based on his experiences as an international basketball diplomat, speaker, and seminar facilitator;

Whereas, During the last several years Mr. Bryant has embarked on a career as a motivational speaker and has addressed groups such as General Motors, General Electric, Special Olympics, Eli Lilly, Department of U.S. Customs, and the Association of Government Accountants;

Whereas, Mr. Bryant has also made several appearances on national television, worked as a sports commentator for CBS-TV, and is now a respected businessman;

Whereas, Mr. Bryant has been a proud Hoosier for most of his life, moving to Indiana while he was in grade school, and now in his seventies, lives on the near North side of Indianapolis with his partner of more than fifty years, Deloris Hayes;

Whereas, Mr. Bryant is dedicated to programs that enrich Indiana communities. He has worked with numerous Indiana institutions through the years including Assistant Coach for Indiana High School Basketball All-Stars, boys basketball camp at Taylor University, Dyslexia Institute of Indiana, and Indiana Juvenile Detention Center; and

Whereas, Surviving an impoverished background, Hallie Bryant has gone through life with a resolve and determination to learn and make the best of every situation. He has persevered both on and off the court. His life experiences inspire individuals of all ages through "edutaining" and he is an outstanding role model of Hoosier success: Therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes Hallie Bryant for the distinguished honor of joining the Harlem Globetrotters Ring of Legends and for his continued contribution back to the Indiana community.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Harlem Globetrotters and to Hallie Bryant and his partner Deloris Hayes.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote. The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the passage of the resolution.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 36

The Speaker handed down Senate Concurrent Resolution 36, sponsored by Representatives Crouch and Stilwell:

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION congratulating Thomas Lewis Kennedy of Spencer County Indiana for receiving the Distinguished Hoosier Award.

Whereas, Governor Mitch Daniels honored Thomas Lewis Kennedy with the Distinguished Hoosier Award for his part in promoting the Lincoln Bicentennial and the role of Spencer County in shaping of the life of our 16th President;

Whereas, Mr. Kennedy worked for 2 years to produce his master work, a painting entitled The Life of Abraham Lincoln. By telling "the whole life story of Abraham Lincoln in pictures", the painting pays tribute to President Lincoln's childhood in Spencer County;

Whereas, Mr. Kennedy's painting has been named the Official Bicentennial Artwork for the State of Indiana and endorsed by the National Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission; and

Whereas, Mr. Kennedy and the Lincoln Legacy Group are working tirelessly to place prints of Mr. Kennedy's painting in all certified schools in the State of Indiana. The dedication by Mr. Kennedy and the Lincoln Legacy Group to inform students of President Lincoln's story has inspired similar efforts currently underway in Illinois, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, and New York. These efforts are expected to continue and are projected to encompass all 50 states by the end of February 2009: Therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly congratulates Thomas Lewis Kennedy as a recipient for the Distinguished Hoosier Award and honors him for his service to Spencer County and the State of Indiana.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of State is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Thomas Lewis Kennedy and Governor Mitch Daniels.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote. The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the passage of the resolution.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 45

The Speaker handed down Senate Concurrent Resolution 45, sponsored by Representative Steuerwald:

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Jim Graham for receiving the Passing the Torch Award and his selfless dedication towards helping under-privileged children.

Whereas, Jim Graham was presented with the Passing the Torch Award by Governor Mitch Daniels and Clayton A. Graham, Esq. during the Indianapolis Dr. Martin Luther King Day celebration;

Whereas, The Passing the Torch Award is presented annually to individuals that encourage today's youth to become involved with the fight for freedom and equality of all people;

Whereas, Mr. Graham was honored for his commitment to helping children from various races and nationalities gain access to quality and equitable healthcare. Working in conjunction with Rotary International since 1992, Mr. Graham has saved the lives of one hundred fourteen children;

Whereas, Mr. Graham has worked to find funding and medical treatment for life-saving surgeries for children from around the world ranging in age from twenty four days to seventeen years;

Whereas, In addition to raising financial assistance for patients and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Graham have hosted nearly fifteen children while they were here in Indiana receiving surgery and treatment;

Whereas, During his humble acceptance speech Mr. Graham remarked he just wants to help children and hopes other countries will see Americans helping save underprivileged children in an effort to further world peace. Mr. Graham also stated this award is his highest honor next to his marriage certificate;

Whereas, In addition to Rotary, Mr. Graham has made numerous other contributions to his community. He achieved the rank of Life Scout and has been involved with Boy Scouting in various capacities over the years. He has served with numerous civic and religious organizations including Hendricks County YMCA Advisory committee, Chair of Evangelism as Lizton United Methodist Church, and currently serving on the Board of Directors of Gift of Life International;

Whereas, Mr. Graham gave of himself to his country from 1951 to 1979. He served eight years as an active duty US Navy night fighter pilot and then twenty years as a pilot and Division Staff Officer for the Thirty Eighth Infantry Division of the Indiana National Guard. He retired from military service as a Lieutenant Colonel. Professionally, Mr. Graham served as President of AGA Corporation in Indianapolis for twenty years;

Whereas, Through the years numerous awards and honors have been bestowed upon Mr. Graham for his unending selflessness. He was recognized in 2001 by Mayor Peterson as a "Distinguished Citizen". In 2002 Governor O'Bannon presented Mr. Graham with the highest Hoosier honor, the Sagamore of the Wabash Award. Two years later in 2004, Mr. Graham was inducted into the Purdue University ROTC Hall of Fame; and

Whereas, Mr. Graham has truly given of himself for the benefit of his community and children around the world. He is a humanitarian hero and a shining example of Hoosier hospitality: Therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes Jim Graham for receiving the distinguished Passing the Torch Award due to his commitment to helping children from various races and nationalities.

SECTION 2. That the Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Jim and Roberta Graham.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote. The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the passage of the resolution.

House Concurrent Resolution 35

Representatives Foley and Pierce introduced House Concurrent Resolution 35:

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION recognizing the Martinsville High School Spell Bowl team.

Whereas, The people of Indiana take great pride in the accomplishments of their children;

Whereas, The Martinsville High School Spell Bowl team won the 2008 Indiana Academic Class One Spell Bowl State Championship for the eighth time at the competition held at Purdue University in West Lafayette;

Whereas, The year's title was shared with Penn High School with both competitors finishing with a perfect score of 90;

Whereas, The Spell Bowl championship is a statewide competition established 12 years ago by the Indiana Academics Competition for Excellence (IACE) to encourage excellence in academics;

Whereas, Each team in the Indiana Academic Spell Bowl is open to freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors;

Whereas, The competitors prepare for the competition by studying for many hours each week from a list of 4,500 words distributed to the schools;

Whereas, The championship is the result of a team effort and the dedication of Coach Wayne Babbitt; and

Whereas, It is fitting that we recognize the achievements of our youth and encourage them to always strive to develop their full potential: Therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That, on behalf of the people of Indiana, we congratulate each member of the Martinsville High School spelling team and their coach on winning the 2008 Indiana Academic Spell Bowl championship for Class One high schools.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to team members Lindsey Stafford, Kathleen Houppert, Layla Truman, Stacey Abshire, Gabby Thompson, Abby Hoff, Tyler Sonnega, Daniel Kerstiens, Ashley Cox, Chelsea Carroll, Jordan Wheatley, and Tori Rito; Coach Wayne Babbitt; and Don Alkire, principal of Martinsville High School.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote. The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the passage of the resolution. Senate sponsor: Senator Bray.

House Concurrent Resolution 36

Representatives Foley and Pierce introduced House Concurrent Resolution 36:

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION congratulating the Martinsville High School Academic Decathlon team.

Whereas, The people of Indiana take pride in the academic and extracurricular accomplishments of the high school students of the state;

Whereas, Members of the Martinsville High School Academic Decathlon team represented their school and their state admirably in the 2008 United States Academic Decathlon nationals held in Garden Grove, California;

Whereas, The Artesians finished fifth in Division II and 16th overall in competing against 40 other schools from across the nation;

Whereas, Martinsville had two individual medal winners: Catherine Wells, who finished second in the essay, and Katie Hammitt, who finished third in music;

Whereas, The Artesians finished the competition with 43,017.3 points, just 36.3 points behind the fourth place school in Division II;

Whereas, The Artesians qualified for the Academic Decathlon nationals by winning their 11th consecutive state championship in the large school division, beating the second place team by almost 3,000 points;

Whereas, Coach Wayne Babbitt called the Academic Decathlon nationals a "great experience for us" because, like the statewide Academic Decathlons, the value of the Academic Decathlon nationals is to prepare the participants for college and life by emphasizing good study skills and exposing students to new subjects; and

Whereas, It is fitting that these fine young Hoosiers be given additional recognition: Therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly wishes to congratulate the Martinsville High School Academic Decathlon Team for finishing fifth in Division II and 16th overall in the 2008 United States Academic Decathlon nationals and wishes the students continued success in all their future endeavors.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to the Academic Decathlon team members, coach Wayne Babbitt, and Don Alkire, principal of Martinsville High School.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote. The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the passage of the resolution. Senate sponsor: Senator Bray.

House Concurrent Resolution 37

Representatives Foley and Pierce introduced House Concurrent Resolution 37:

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring the Martinsville High School Academic Decathlon team.

Whereas, The Martinsville High School Academic Decathlon team was named the 2009 Academic Decathlon state champion, a title it has won for 12 consecutive years;

Whereas, Martinsville High School was the state's highest scoring team with a total of 40,297.5 points and will represent Indiana at the national championship in Memphis, Tennessee, in April;

Whereas, The Martinsville team scored highest in eight out of ten academic categories and earned plaques in the art, economics, essay, language and literature, music, social science, speech, and super quiz events;

Whereas, The team earned 33 individual medals. In the Honors category, Chelsea Carroll won a bronze in art, a silver in music, and a gold in speech; Abby Hoff won silver in art and music; and Daniel Kerstiens won silver in social science and economics, and a gold in the super quiz;

Whereas, In the Scholastic category, Melinda Elston won bronze in art and overall, and silver in essay and speech; Jonathan Kidwell won silver in math and gold in art, language and literature, music, social science, economics, super quiz, and overall;

Whereas, In the Varsity category, Chad Chastain won bronze in art and super quiz; Jonathan Pratt won bronze in music, silver in social science and overall, and gold in art and language and literature; and Chris Waldon won silver in art and language and literature and gold in social science, economics, super quiz, and overall;

Whereas, Members of the academic team were Daniel Kerstiens, Chad Chastain, Abby Hoff, Jonathan Pratt, Chelsea Carroll, Jonathan Kidwell, Melinda Elston, Chris Waldon, and Alicia Hensley;

Whereas, Coach Wayne Babbitt feels that this victory is especially significant since this team "is the youngest state champion Academic Decathlon team we have had, and I'm really impressed with what they accomplished"; and

Whereas, The people of Indiana take pride in the academic and extracurricular accomplishments of the high school students of their state: Therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly congratulates the Martinsville High School Academic Decathlon team for winning its 12th consecutive Academic Decathlon State Championship.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to the members of the team, the coach, the academic area coaches, Principal Don Alkire, and Superintendent Ron Furniss.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote. The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the passage of the resolution. Senate sponsor: Senator Bray.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were read a first time by title and referred to the respective committees:

- SB 335** — Kersey
Committee on Courts and Criminal Code
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.
- SB 352** — Tincher, Foley
Committee on Courts and Criminal Code
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.
- SB 356** — Tyler, Burton
Committee on Small Business and Economic Development
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning labor and safety.
- SB 376** — Sullivan
Committee on Veterans Affairs and Public Safety
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning public safety.
- SB 393** — Reske, T. Brown
Committee on Public Health
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning higher education.
- SB 400** — Welch, Leonard
Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedures
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning elections.

- SB 415** — Pearson, Friend
Committee on Ways and Means
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning agriculture and animals.
- SB 419** — Pearson, Dvorak, Wolkins
Committee on Environmental Affairs
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning environmental law.
- SB 420** — Grubb, Borrer, Koch
Committee on Commerce, Energy, Technology and Utilities
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning utilities and transportation.
- SB 423** — Stilwell, Soliday
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- SB 448** — Austin, Borrer, Soliday
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SB 473 — Battles, Richardson

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SB 477 — Niezgodski, Torr

Committee on Labor and Employment

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SB 481 — Welch

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SB 486 — Fry

Committee on Insurance

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SB 488 — Welch, Davis

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SB 493 — Grubb

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state and local administration.

SB 524 — DeLaney

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SB 526 — Porter, Behning

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SB 530 — Dvorak, Neese

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SB 535 — Niezgodski, Torr

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning pensions.

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HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative L. Lawson be added as cosponsor of Engrossed Senate Bill 223.

TINCHER

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative Battles be added as cosponsor of Engrossed Senate Bill 239.

GRUBB

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative Battles be added as cosponsor of Engrossed Senate Bill 451.

GRUBB

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative Sullivan be added as cosponsor of Engrossed Senate Bill 512.

STEVENSON

Motion prevailed.

Pursuant to House Rule 60, committee meetings were announced.

On the motion of Representative L. Lawson, the House adjourned at 2:35 p.m., this third day of March, 2009, until Thursday, March 5, 2009, at 10:00 a.m.

B. PATRICK BAUER
Speaker of the House of Representatives

CLINTON McKAY

Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives