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**HOUSE  
RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_**

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*Introduced by: Gutwein*

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1           A HOUSE RESOLUTION commending the Indiana  
2 Chapter of the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries and its  
3 members during their COVID-19 response.

4           *Whereas, During the COVID-19 Pandemic, it has been*  
5 *essential to keep Indiana's manufacturing industry operational;*

6           *Whereas, Indiana's manufacturing industry is a leader in the*  
7 *production of steel, paper and paper products, electronics,*  
8 *aluminum, plastics, textiles, tires, and glass, and continues to*  
9 *produce these materials and products essential to the citizens*  
10 *of Indiana, the United States, and the World;*

11           *Whereas, Indiana's manufacturers must have a constant and*  
12 *reliable supply of raw materials in order to produce these*  
13 *materials and products;*

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1       *Whereas, Indiana's manufacturers would not have access to*  
2       *their needed raw materials without the collection, processing,*  
3       *and manufacturing of recyclable and recovered materials into*  
4       *raw materials by Indiana's recycling industry;*

5       *Whereas, In recognition of this fact, Indiana's recyclers have*  
6       *been deemed essential businesses and workers from the onset*  
7       *of the pandemic;*

8       *Whereas, Indiana's recyclers have followed all appropriate*  
9       *and required protocols and as a result have operated safely,*  
10      *protecting their employees and customers;*

11      *Whereas, Throughout the pandemic, hundreds of thousands*  
12      *of tons of valuable recyclable materials, such as automobiles,*  
13      *scrap metal, electronics, paper, glass, plastics, rubber, and*  
14      *textiles, have been kept out of Indiana's landfills and have been*  
15      *manufactured into valuable raw materials;*

16      *Whereas, Those raw materials have been used by*  
17      *manufacturers in Indiana and throughout the world to*  
18      *manufacture products from toilet paper to respirators to new*  
19      *automobiles;*

20      *Whereas, Indiana's recycling industry has provided used*  
21      *auto parts for reuse, allowing Indiana's citizens to safely and*  
22      *economically repair their automobiles and maintain reliable*  
23      *transportation throughout the pandemic;*

24      *Whereas, Indiana's recycling industry has collected,*  
25      *repaired, and redeployed tens of thousands of mobile*  
26      *technology devices, becoming an alternative supplier to*  
27      *education and corporate entities, facilitating student's remote*  
28      *learning and supporting our great citizens working from home,*  
29      *when international supply chains were disrupted during the*  
30      *pandemic, causing shortages of these devices;*

31      *Whereas, Indiana's recycling industry has collected, sorted,*  
32      *and reclaimed plastic products and packaging that could be*  
33      *used as feedstock to manufacture products that enhance*  
34      *hygiene and sanitation, such as disposable hospital gowns and*  
35      *garbage bags;*



1       *Whereas, Indiana's recycling industry has continued to*  
2       *collect and recycle scrap tires, protecting public health and the*  
3       *environment and producing valuable rubber products such as*  
4       *those used in vital infrastructure projects; and*

5       *Whereas, Indiana's recycling industry has collected, sorted,*  
6       *processed, and delivered recovered fiber to paper,*  
7       *containerboard, and paperboard mills to be used in*  
8       *manufacturing essential products, including tissue products,*  
9       *pulp used in diapers and other personal hygiene products,*  
10       *papers for communication and education, building/construction*  
11       *products, and packaging for food, beverages, food service,*  
12       *cleaning supplies, pharmaceuticals, medical equipment, and*  
13       *other essential consumer products: Therefore,*

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

16       SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives  
17       commends the Indiana Chapter of the Institute of Scrap  
18       Recycling Industries and its members during their COVID-19  
19       response.

20       SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
21       Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to  
22       Representative Doug Gutwein for distribution.

