

**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. ____**

Introduced by: Koch

A HOUSE RESOLUTION congratulating the Brown County Junior High School "We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution" team.

Whereas, The "We the People: The Citizens and the Constitution" program was developed by the Center for Civic Education and is funded by the U.S. Department of Education, pursuant to an act of Congress, with a goal of promoting civic responsibility and competence in students;

Whereas, Fifty state coordinators and a coordinator in each of the 435 congressional districts, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands administer the program;

Whereas, Students in grades 4 through 12 participate in the program;

Whereas, In addition to their regular school curriculum,



the students are given a course on the history and principles of democracy in the United States, with a test being administered at the conclusion of the lessons;

Whereas, Elementary and middle school hearings are not competitive; high school students and their teachers may select the noncompetitive hearing or the annual competition;

Whereas, Each competing class is divided into six teams, one team for each of the six units in the high school textbook;

Whereas, Judges score each team, using criteria that include understanding, constitutional application, reasoning, use of supporting evidence, responsiveness, and participation;

Whereas, On December 17 at the Crowne Plaza Union Station in Indianapolis, Brown County Junior High School defeated 11 other schools from around the state to secure the title of State Champions for the fourth consecutive year in the "We the People" competition;

Whereas, On April 4 through 8, 2014, the team will represent its community and state in the second annual "We the People" Middle School National Invitational at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia;

Whereas, The Brown County Junior High School team will be defending the national title won by last year's "We the People" team; and

Whereas, Involvement with the "We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution" competition allows students to develop a greater understanding of democratic principles and prepares Indiana youth for a future that will encourage their knowledge of and participation in our democratic system of government: 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 congratulates the Brown County Junior High School "We the People:
- 3 The Citizen and the Constitution" team and wishes the team members



1 continued success in all their future endeavors.

2 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
3 Representatives transmit copies of this resolution to team members
4 Victoria Akles, Will Austin, Sarah Barrick, Andrew Burkner, Joshua
5 Cochran, Cameron Flesher, Michael Hess, Elisabeth Huls, Elizabeth
6 Jenson, Victoria Kelp, Sean Lopes, Baylee Mosier, Cash Myers,
7 Monica Percifield, Wylie Poling, Bailee Robison, James Seidle,
8 Abigail Shaffer, Ryanne Smith, Molly Snyder, August Spiegel, Eleanor
9 Wertz, and coach Michael Potts.

