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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION honoring the life and accomplishments of Dr. W. Philip Ball.

Whereas, Dr. W. Philip Ball is a lifelong Hoosier born in Muncie in 1919 to Dr. Clay A. Ball and Mrs. Helen Mauck Ball;

Whereas, A member of the original Muncie Ball family that came to the area in the 1830s, Dr. Ball graduated from Muncie Central High School, studied at Ball State Teachers College, and earned his B.A. and M.D. from Indiana University;

Whereas, Dr. Ball interned at Cook County Hospital in Chicago and received specialty training in internal medicine at the Mayo Clinic, where he earned a Master of Science degree

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in medicine from the University of Minnesota;

Whereas, Dr. Ball practiced medicine in Muncie for 43 years and also taught medical students at Ball Memorial Hospital;

Whereas, In recognition of his many accomplishments and dedicated service, Dr. Ball was named Internist Laureate by the Indiana Chapter of the American College of Physicians;

Whereas, Dr. Ball also served as a medical officer in the Navy during World War II;

Whereas, A published writer for more than 50 years, Dr. Ball has had hundreds of his letters, articles, and columns printed in local and national newspapers and medical publications and published six books, including children's stories and poetry;

Whereas, Dr. Ball was designated by the Indiana House of Representatives as the Poet Laureate for 1992 and was given a Special Citation Award by Ball State University's Department of Journalism in recognition of his numerous contributions to local newspapers;

Whereas, Dr. Ball is the author of the poem "My Indiana" which lauds the beauty of our state;

Whereas, "My Indiana" was set to music by conductor Leonard Atherton, performed by the Muncie Symphony orchestra on many occasions, and is the official symphonic song of Indiana;

Whereas, An active member of his community, Dr. Ball was a member of the Muncie Rotary, the Delaware-Blackford Medical Society, the honorary staff of Ball Memorial Hospital, and the American College of Physicians and served as a board member of the local Keep Cool with Coolidge Club and the American Grackelgoober Disease Society; and

Whereas, Dr. Ball has touched the lives of countless Hoosiers and people everywhere with his compassion and



devotion to others and through his love of the arts: 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 wishes to
2 recognize the many contributions and accomplishments of Dr. W.
3 Philip Ball. Dr. Ball is an accomplished doctor, author, and poet whose
4 work has brightened the lives of Hoosiers throughout the state and
5 people everywhere.

6 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
7 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Dr. W. Philip Ball
8 and his family.

