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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

Introduced by: Torr

A HOUSE RESOLUTION congratulating Carmel Clay Parks and Recreation.

Whereas, At the National Recreation and Park Association's Annual Congress on October 14, 2014, Carmel Clay Parks and Recreation was selected as the 2014 recipient of the National Gold Medal Award for Class III (Population 75,001 to 150,000), presented by the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration;

Whereas, The purpose of the National Gold Medal Award is to recognize and honor the nation's outstanding parks and recreation agencies for excellence in the field of parks and recreation management, with only one agency receiving the award per population class;

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Whereas, A panel of five esteemed judges, chosen for their considerable experience and knowledge in parks and recreation on both the local and national levels, selected Carmel Clay Parks and Recreation for this prestigious award for its strong community support, outstanding amenities, innovative staff, and entrepreneurial approach to managing public services;

Whereas, Carmel Clay Parks and Recreation is one of only four parks and recreation systems in Indiana to win the National Gold Medal Award since its inception in 1965, joining the elite company of Fort Wayne (1980), Columbus (1995), and Bloomington (2007);

Whereas, Carmel Clay Parks and Recreation also received Agency Accreditation from the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies, demonstrating its commitment to the parks and recreation field through compliance with a body of best management standards deemed essential to the quality of services delivered and the professionalism of its operations;

Whereas, As one of only 140 currently accredited parks and recreation agencies in the United States, Carmel Clay Parks and Recreation further distinguishes itself as one of the nation's best managed parks and recreation systems;

Whereas, The Carmel Clay Board of Parks and Recreation, Director of Parks and Recreation Mark Westermeier, and Chief Operating Officer Michael Klitzing deserve special accolades for leading Carmel Clay Parks and Recreation to the two highest national honors for parks and recreation systems; and

Whereas, It is fitting that the accomplishments of Carmel Clay Parks and Recreation be given additional recognition: 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 Carmel Clay Parks and Recreation on winning the 2014
- 3 National Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation



1 Management and achieving agency accreditation and urges this parks
2 and recreation system to continue striving for excellence in serving its
3 community.

4 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
5 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Park Board
6 President James Engledow, Director Mark Westermeier, and Chief
7 Operating Officer Michael Klitzing.

