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RESOLUTION No. _____**

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION congratulating Kenneth R. Torr on his induction into the Livestock Marketeers Hall of Fame.

Whereas, In recognition of his outstanding accomplishments and success in the field of livestock auctioneering, Ken Torr was inducted into the Livestock Marketeers Hall of Fame on January 17, 2015, at the National Western Club in Denver, Colorado;

Whereas, The Livestock Marketeers were created in 1965 by three leaders in the industry, Harry Green, Ross Miller, and Claud Willett, as an informal fraternity of livestock fieldmen, auctioneers, sale managers, and related livestock business leaders;

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Whereas, The Hall of Fame was created to recognize outstanding individuals at an annual banquet held in conjunction with the National Western Stock Show;

Whereas, Ken Torr began his auction career in 1952; however, his interest in livestock began in 1948, when, at the age of 13, he purchased his first Angus heifer;

Whereas, As the sixth generation to live on the home farm in Greencastle, Ken Torr graduated from Purdue University and joined the staff of the First Citizens Bank as a farm representative, working his way up to assistant trust officer and earning a real estate broker's license;

Whereas, While attending Purdue, Ken Torr worked at the beef barn and was a member of Purdue livestock judging teams that won a national championship;

Whereas, However, his roots were calling him home, so he left the bank to work as a livestock fieldman for the "Indiana Farmer", which was sold to "Prairie Farmer" later that year;

Whereas, During his 32 years with "Prairie Farmer", Ken Torr accomplished many things, including writing the first livestock display ad for the magazine and servicing the eastern territory;

Whereas, Ken Torr attended Superior Auction School in Decatur, Illinois, where he trained with legendary auctioneers such as Ham James, Paul Good, Ike Hamilton, and Ray Sims;

Whereas, Ken Torr continued auctioneering sales for 40 years, and passed along his vast amount of knowledge to the next generation of auctioneers, and was considered by many livestock auctioneers as the best sales ringman in the country;

Whereas, Ken Torr also bred and raced Standardbred horses for 35 years, rebuilt his Angus cow herd, continued his lifelong work in photography, and developed a woodworking hobby that he stores in a two-story shop known as "Ken's Workshop & This 'N That Museum";



Whereas, Ken and his wife, Beverly, have been married since 1956 and have twin sons, John A. and Gerald R., a daughter, Janet, and four grandchildren; and

Whereas, Ken Torr has built a reputation as a dedicated and hardworking auctioneer who deserves special recognition for his many accomplishments: 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 Ken Torr on his induction into the Livestock Marketeers
3 Hall of Fame.
4 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
5 Representatives transmit copies of this resolution to Ken Torr and his
6 wife, Beverly.

