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

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*Introduced by: Bauer*

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION honoring Bonnie Strycker on the occasion of her retirement.

*Whereas, Bonnie Strycker has been leading the Youth Service Bureau of St. Joseph County as Executive Director for nearly 40 years;*

*Whereas, In May 2015, she will retire from that position;*

*Whereas, Bonnie Strycker has been working with the Youth Service Bureau of St. Joseph County almost from the beginning;*

*Whereas, The Youth Service Bureau began in 1972, with Bonnie Strycker joining the staff in 1974;*

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*Whereas, Bonnie Strycker was appointed Executive Director in 1977;*

*Whereas, Bonnie's dedication and hard work have helped more than 9,000 young people find safety at Safe Station, while connecting with youth in schools and on the streets, and assisting young mothers in crisis;*

*Whereas, A lifelong resident of the South Bend area, Bonnie received a bachelor's from Purdue University in 1969, a master's in Counseling from Indiana University South Bend in 1976, and a certification in Executive Management from the University of Notre Dame in 2002;*

*Whereas, In her capacity as Executive Director of the Youth Service Bureau of St. Joseph County, Bonnie has been active in the United Way of St. Joseph County, and is a member of the Continuum of Care for Homeless of St. Joseph County and a member of the South Bend Rotary Club;*

*Whereas, Always active in community affairs, Bonnie also testified before the United States Senate in support of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act in the early 1980s, served as the Region V representative to the National Network for Youth as a member of its Board of Directors, was a former President of the Indiana Youth Services Association Board of Directors, and currently serves on the board of the Indiana Youth Services Association;*

*Whereas, In addition to her work with the Youth Service Bureau of St. Joseph County, Bonnie has been an active member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Lakeville, where she taught fourth grade CCD classes for 10 years; and*

*Whereas, Bonnie Strycker has dedicated herself to helping those in need: 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



1 congratulates Bonnie Strycker on the occasion of her retirement and to  
2 thank her for her more than 40 years of dedicated service to the people  
3 of South Bend and St. Joseph County.

4 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
5 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Bonnie Strycker  
6 and her daughters, Theresa, Maggie, and Maureen.

