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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Nichols Paint and Fab in
4 Watseka on the rapid growth of their business and on the
5 success of their television show "Wrench'd"; and

6 WHEREAS, Justin Nichols, the founder of Nichols Paint and
7 Fab, was born and raised in Watseka and is continuing his
8 father's love of fast cars and flashy paint jobs; he has been
9 building custom hot rods, trucks, and motorcycles since the age
10 of seven; and

11 WHEREAS, The work of the Nichols Paint and Fab team,
12 consisting of Maegan Ashline, Greg Huizenga, Dave Webster, Kyle
13 Bertsch, and Nick Roberts, has been internationally recognized
14 and showcased in publications such as Classic Truck, Street
15 Rodder, American Bagger, Built Not Bought, and many others; in
16 addition, the team has won numerous awards at national and
17 international competitions; and

18 WHEREAS, An entertainment development professional saw a
19 custom motorcycle from Nichols Paint and Fab on the cover of a
20 magazine, and the idea for a television show began; soon after,
21 crews from the Velocity channel's parent company, Discovery,
22 Inc., descended upon Watseka; and

1 WHEREAS, Since the premiere of "Wrench'd" on May 15, 2018,
2 Justin Nichols' shop has received over 200 orders for custom
3 builds, ratings are twice as high as any other show on
4 Velocity, and the network has already begun shooting season
5 two; and

6 WHEREAS, The Nichols team has already started the
7 construction of a large expansion to accommodate the influx of
8 orders and attention coming from the television show; and

9 WHEREAS, Visitors from all over the country stop by the
10 shop in Watseka to buy shirts, meet the crew, and see where the
11 magic happens; not only is the attention great for business, it
12 is beneficial for the entirety of Watseka, a town of 5,000 now
13 receiving national attention; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
15 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
16 congratulate Justin Nichols and the team of Nichols Paint and
17 Fab on their successes in business and television, and we wish
18 them continued growth in the future; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That we hold them up as an example of what can be
20 done with hard work and dedication to a craft, and we thank
21 them for their commitment to their community; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Justin Nichols as a symbol of our respect and
3 esteem.