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2 of Transportation to place signage east and west bound near Exit 4 on  
3 I-64 to identify the Town of New Harmony as a "National Historic  
4 Landmark District."

5           *Whereas, The Town of New Harmony was designated by*  
6 *the U.S. Department of the Interior as a National Historic*  
7 *Landmark District in 1965, as it possesses exceptional value*  
8 *and quality in illustrating and interpreting the heritage of the*  
9 *United States;*

10           *Whereas, The town was the site of two early American*  
11 *utopian communities: The Harmonie Society, a group of*  
12 *German dissenters led by George Rapp, who believed Christ's*  
13 *second coming was imminent, so they pursued Christian*  
14 *perfection through every aspect of their daily conduct, creating*  
15 *a highly ordered and productive community; and The Owenites,*  
16 *founded by Welch-born social reformer Robert Owen and his*  
17 *partner William Maclure, who were intent on improving*  
18 *humanity through innovations in social theory, communal*  
19 *living and education, and discoveries in natural science;*

20           *Whereas, Today, New Harmony is a vibrant community*  
21 *where festivals, concerts and plays are held, and many choose*  
22 *the area for weddings, conferences and retreats;*

23           *Whereas, The National Register of Historic Places holds*  
24 *90,000 places on its registry, 2,500 of them being National*



1 *Historic Landmarks, with only 40 of those National Historic*  
2 *Landmarks located in the State of Indiana;*

3 *Whereas, the Indiana Department of Transportation's*  
4 *current signage for the Town of New Harmony reads, "New*  
5 *Harmony Historic Area," which does not adequately inform the*  
6 *traveling public of the historic nature of the area nor its unique*  
7 *significance as a National Historic Landmark; and*

8 *Whereas, It is fitting that the Indiana Department of*  
9 *Transportation change the signage east and west bound near*  
10 *Exit 4 on I-64 to inform traveling visitors of New Harmony's*  
11 *unique history and contribution to the nation: Therefore,*

12 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*  
13 *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

14 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly urges the Indiana  
15 Department of Transportation to change the signage east and west  
16 bound on I-64 to properly identify the Town of New Harmony as a  
17 "National Historic Landmark District" to attract more of the traveling  
18 public to the town.

19 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to  
20 transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Commissioner of the Indiana  
21 Department of Transportation, Brandye Hendrickson.

