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**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. 18**

DIGEST OF RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the Indiana Department of Transportation to place signage east and west bound near Exit 4 on I-64 to identify the Town of New Harmony as a "National Historic Landmark District."

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(HOUSE SPONSOR — MCNAMARA)

January 28, 2016, read first time and referred to Committee on Homeland Security & Transportation.

February 18, 2016, reported favorably — Do Pass.

February 22, 2016, read second time, adopted by voice vote.

HOUSE ACTION

March 1, 2016, read first time and referred to Committee on Roads and Transportation.



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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the Indiana Department
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*

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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.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Homeland Security & Transportation, to which was referred Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 18, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said resolution DO PASS.

(Reference is to SC 18 as introduced.)

YODER, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0

