

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



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2 of veteran suicide in Indiana.

3 *Whereas, Indiana is home to over 400,000 veterans, and the*
4 *people of this State are committed to the health and well-being*
5 *of the men and women who have served our country;*

6 *Whereas, As part of that commitment, the State continues*
7 *to build, encourage, and connect resources and systems of care*
8 *that empower veterans to live their best lives and realize their*
9 *full potential within our community;*

10 *Whereas, Despite these efforts, in 2018, the rate of suicide*
11 *among veterans in Indiana was a troubling 32.4 per 100,000,*
12 *compared with 16 per 100,000 for non-veterans;*

13 *Whereas, Thousands of veterans face significant challenges*
14 *as they transition from active-duty status and require a robust*
15 *community effort to help them find and navigate various*
16 *available sources of help;*

17 *Whereas, Numerous partners are engaged in the effort to*
18 *assist veterans and to combat veteran suicide, including the*
19 *federal Department of Veterans Affairs, the Indiana*
20 *Department of Veterans Affairs, the Veterans of Foreign Wars,*
21 *the American Legion, community mental health centers, and the*
22 *Hoosier business and non-profit community; and*

23 *Whereas, The General Assembly will remain aware of the*
24 *scourge of veteran suicide and vigilant in its efforts to meet the*



1 *mental health needs of veterans: Therefore,*

2 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*
3 *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives*
4 *concurring:*

5 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly
6 recognizes the problem of veteran suicide in Indiana and
7 reaffirms its commitment to the mental health needs of veterans
8 statewide.

9 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
10 to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Denis McDonough,
11 United States Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Dennis A. Wimer,
12 Director of the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs, Mark
13 Gullion, state commander of the American Legion, Department
14 of Indiana, and Richard Lineberry, state commander of the
15 Veteran of Foreign Wars Department of Indiana.

