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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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3 history.

4           *Whereas, The year 2016 marks 200 years of statehood for*  
5 *the State of Indiana, resulting in bicentennial celebrations*  
6 *spanning the year in recognition of the state's history thus far;*

7           *Whereas, On December 11, 1816, President James*  
8 *Madison signed a Congressional Resolution to admit Indiana*  
9 *to the Union as the 19<sup>th</sup> state, which is now known as Statehood*  
10 *Day;*

11           *Whereas, Following admission to the Union, Indiana's rich*  
12 *200-year history began with Indiana's first constitution being*  
13 *drafted in the state's original capital of Corydon, underneath*  
14 *what has become known as the Constitutional Elm;*

15           *Whereas, A second constitutional convention was then held*  
16 *in 1850, resulting in the Indiana Constitution of 1851, which*  
17 *called for more open and frequent elections, put restrictions on*  
18 *state debt, and still governs the state today;*

19           *Whereas, In celebration of Indiana's 200-year history, the*  
20 *Indiana Bicentennial Commission has planned events and*  
21 *projects across the state throughout the year to "Celebrate*  
22 *History and Ignite the Future" of Indiana;*



1       *Whereas, Notable events and projects include the*  
2       *Bicentennial Plaza, which will create a public space adjacent*  
3       *to Indiana's State House; construction of a new state archives*  
4       *to ensure Indiana's history is properly preserved; the creation*  
5       *of a bicentennial book and medal to commemorate Indiana's*  
6       *statehood; and the promotion of the Bicentennial Nature Trust,*  
7       *which was created to match donations of land and dollars by*  
8       *locals to ensure that land is protected for future Hoosiers to*  
9       *enjoy, among many others; and*

10       *Whereas, The bicentennial celebrations will culminate with*  
11       *a 92-county torch relay to promote and unify the state by*  
12       *connecting people, communities, and regions as Hoosiers*  
13       *symbolically pass the torch to ignite future generations to*  
14       *come: Therefore,*

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

17       SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly honors Indiana's  
18       Bicentennial and celebrates with all Hoosiers the state's 200 years of  
19       history.

20       SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to  
21       transmit a copy of this Resolution to the members of Indiana's  
22       Bicentennial Commission: Lee Hamilton, Becky Skillman and Perry  
23       Hammock.

