

**SENATE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION No. 40**

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DIGEST OF RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION memorializing Sergeant Benton "Ben" Bertram and urging the Indiana Department of Transportation to name a mile of State Road 56 near Scottsburg the "Sgt. Ben Bertram Memorial Mile".

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**Garten, Crider, Alting, Bassler, Becker, Bohacek,  
Boots, Bray, Breaux, Brown L, Buchanan, Buck,  
Busch, Charbonneau, Crane, Doriot, Ford J.D.,  
Ford Jon, Freeman, Gaskill, Glick, Grooms, Head,  
Holdman, Houchin, Koch, Kruse, Lanane, Leising,  
Melton, Merritt, Messmer, Mishler, Mrvan,  
Niemeyer, Niezgodski, Perfect, Raatz,  
Randolph Lonnie M, Rogers, Ruckelshaus, Sandlin,  
Spartz, Stoops, Tallian, Taylor G, Tomes, Walker,  
Young M, Zay**  
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March 7, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Homeland Security and Transportation.  
March 12, 2019, reported favorably — Do Pass.  
March 14, 2019, read second time, adopted by standing vote.

HOUSE ACTION

March 19, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Roads and Transportation.

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March 19, 2019

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2           Benton "Ben" Bertram and urging the Indiana Department of  
3           Transportation to name a mile of State Road 56 near Scottsburg  
4           the "Sgt. Ben Bertram Memorial Mile".

5           *Whereas, Sergeant Benton "Ben" Bertram lost his life in a*  
6           *fatal accident while in pursuit of a stolen vehicle on December*  
7           *12, 2018;*

8           *Whereas, Born on June 22, 1985, in Louisville, Kentucky,*  
9           *Ben Bertram graduated from Charlestown High School before*  
10          *pursuing a career in law enforcement;*

11          *Whereas, Ben Bertram joined the Charlestown Police*  
12          *Department and graduated from the Indiana Law Enforcement*  
13          *Academy as a member of the 11-191 graduating class;*

14          *Whereas, Rising to the rank of Sergeant, Bertram was a*  
15          *nine-year veteran of the Charlestown Police Department and*  
16          *served as a K9 handler;*

17          *Whereas, Sergeant Bertram is survived by his parents, Luke*  
18          *and Diane, sister, Lindsey, his current K9 partner, Franco, and*  
19          *his recently retired K9 partner, KuBo;*

20          *Whereas, Sergeant Bertram was known as an all-American*  
21          *guy who was respected and valued for his love of God, family,*

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1 *country, and community, and as a gentle man who loved taking*  
2 *care of his dogs and horses; and*

3 *Whereas, Because he paid the ultimate price while*  
4 *defending the people of Charlestown and the State of Indiana,*  
5 *Sergeant Bertram deserves recognition for his service:*  
6 *Therefore,*

7 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*  
8 *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives*  
9 *concurring:*

10 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly expresses  
11 its deepest gratitude and sympathies to the family of Sergeant  
12 Ben Bertram and urges the Indiana Department of  
13 Transportation to honor Sergeant Bertram by naming a mile of  
14 State Road 56 from the north junction of State Road 3 to one  
15 mile east of the north junction of State Road 3 the "Sgt. Ben  
16 Bertram Memorial Mile".

17 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed  
18 to transmit copies of this Resolution to the family of Sergeant  
19 Ben Bertram, the Charlestown Police Department, and the  
20 Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Transportation.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Transportation, to which was referred Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 40, 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 40 as introduced.)

CRIDER, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0

