

**SENATE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_**

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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring Gretchen Weber for winning the "Salute Indiana!" bicentennial competition sponsored by Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution.

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MR. PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring Gretchen Weber for  
2 winning the "Salute Indiana!" bicentennial competition  
3 sponsored by Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution.

4 *Whereas, In 1916, Indiana Daughters of the American*  
5 *Revolution commemorated Indiana's centennial anniversary by*  
6 *sponsoring a competition for the design of a state banner;*

7 *Whereas, The winning design by Paul Hadley, which was*  
8 *a blue field with yellow stars representing each of the first*  
9 *nineteen states, was adopted by the Indiana Supreme Court in*  
10 *1917, and in 1955, it was designated as the official state flag;*

11 *Whereas, In celebration of Indiana's bicentennial, Indiana*  
12 *Daughters of the American Revolution sponsored the "Salute*  
13 *Indiana!" competition, approved by the State Bicentennial*  
14 *Commission as an Official Legacy Project, seeking the creation*  
15 *of a salute or pledge to the Indiana flag;*

16 *Whereas, The "Salute Indiana!" competition, which echoed*  
17 *the 1916 centennial contest held by Indiana Daughters of the*  
18 *American Revolution, was open to all Indiana residents, age 13*  
19 *and older;*

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1           *Whereas, Gretchen Weber's original composition won the*  
2           *"Salute Indiana!" bicentennial contest when her four-line verse*  
3           *was selected by a panel of five judges, who met on October 19,*  
4           *2016, in Indianapolis to select a winner from the field of 112*  
5           *entries;*

6           *Whereas, The judging panel included Loretta Rush, Chief*  
7           *Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court; Major General Courtney*  
8           *Carr, Adjutant General of the Indiana National Guard; John*  
9           *Herbst, President of the Indiana Historical Society; Jacob*  
10           *Speer, Director of the Indiana State Library; and Bruce*  
11           *Blomberg, Social Studies Specialist of the Indiana Department*  
12           *of Education;*

13           *Whereas, The "Salute Indiana" winning composition by*  
14           *Gretchen Weber reads as follows: "O, blue and gold, with torch*  
15           *of old, / Enlighten our path with hope. / Hoosiers, we look up*  
16           *to thee / And pledge our all to liberty.";*

17           *Whereas, The Indiana flag was publicly greeted with the*  
18           *salute composed by Gretchen Weber for the first time in a*  
19           *statewide gathering of about 300 Indiana Daughters of the*  
20           *American Revolution members on October 29, 2016; and*

21           *Whereas, Hoosiers such as Gretchen Weber who are*  
22           *dedicated to the tradition and history of Indiana are valued*  
23           *members of society, and the people of Indiana are grateful*  
24           *for Gretchen Weber's composition honoring the state flag:*  
25           *Therefore,*

26                           *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*  
27                           *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

28           SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate honors Gretchen  
29           Weber for winning the "Salute Indiana!" bicentennial  
30           competition sponsored by Indiana Daughters of the American  
31           Revolution.



1           SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby  
2 directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Gretchen  
3 Weber and Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution.

