

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION memorializing William R. Kellems.

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SENATE RESOLUTION _____

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION memorializing William R.
2 Kellems.

3 *Whereas, On September 30, 1957, two young men were in*
4 *the midst of a cross-country crime spree that included bank*
5 *robbery, kidnapping, and the murder or attempted murder of*
6 *several police officers;*

7 *Whereas, Their killing spree began that afternoon when*
8 *they gunned down a Michigan State Trooper who was*
9 *attempting to apprehend them;*

10 *Whereas, From there, the undeterred gunmen evaded*
11 *multiple roadblocks throughout Michigan and made their way*
12 *into Indiana where they were eventually spotted by Indiana*
13 *State Trooper William Kellems;*

14 *Whereas, Trooper Kellems, who had been a member of the*
15 *force for only 10 months, initiated a traffic stop at US 31 and*
16 *State Road 56 in Scottsburg, Indiana;*

17 *Whereas, While approaching the stopped vehicle, the*
18 *gunmen opened fire on Trooper Kellems, fatally wounding him*

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1 *before fleeing the scene, wounding two other officers, and*
2 *taking a sheriff hostage before one suspect was killed and the*
3 *other captured and sentenced to life in prison;*

4 *Whereas, Trooper Kellems was a member of the*
5 *Charlestown post of the Indiana State Police, a United States*
6 *Air Force veteran, and a dedicated husband; and*

7 *Whereas, The bravery and ultimate sacrifice of Trooper*
8 *Kellems should be remembered and honored: Therefore,*

9 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
10 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

11 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate memorializes Trooper
12 William R. Kellems.

13 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
14 to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Donald L. Huffman.

