

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

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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION memorializing Master Trooper  
James R. Bailey.

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1           A SENATE RESOLUTION memorializing Master Trooper  
2 James R. Bailey.

3           *Whereas, James R. Bailey was born in Auburn, Indiana, on*  
4 *November 10, 1972, to Bill and Wanda Bailey;*

5           *Whereas, A lifelong resident of DeKalb County, Master*  
6 *Trooper Bailey graduated from Garrett High School in 1991*  
7 *before becoming a member of the 67th Indiana State Police*  
8 *(ISP) Recruit Class in 2007, the largest in ISP history;*

9           *Whereas, Master Trooper Bailey served for 15 years with*  
10 *ISP, having been assigned to Zone 3 of the Indiana Toll Road*  
11 *Post in Elkhart and Saint Joseph Counties in 2007, Zone 4 in*  
12 *LaGrange and Steuben Counties in 2008, and finally assigned*  
13 *to patrol duties for the Fort Wayne Post in DeKalb and Allen*  
14 *Counties in 2010;*

15           *Whereas, During his career, Master Trooper Bailey was*  
16 *the distinguished recipient of the Life Saving Award in 2010,*  
17 *named Trooper of the Year for District 22 in 2013, and earned*  
18 *the combat "Action Award" in 2021;*

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1           *Whereas, To receive the Life Saving Award, Trooper Bailey*  
2           *and his wife, Amy, teamed up to provide swift cardiopulmonary*  
3           *resuscitation (CPR) to an 87-year-old gentleman following the*  
4           *man's collapse in a parking lot, ultimately assisting Fort Wayne*  
5           *medics in saving the man's life;*

6           *Whereas, Master Trooper Bailey sought to help improve the*  
7           *professional skill sets of his fellow troopers by successfully*  
8           *earning his Indiana Law Enforcement Academy instructor*  
9           *certification, teaching courses as a police trainer in First Aid,*  
10          *CPR, Automated External Defibrillators, Standard Field*  
11          *Sobriety Testing, and Emergency Vehicle Operation, and*  
12          *eventually earning his certification in a demanding course to*  
13          *become a Drug Recognition Expert;*

14          *Whereas, A true public servant, Master Trooper Bailey*  
15          *battled through multiple stints of cancer as a minor and adult,*  
16          *but strove to focus on supporting his community and fought to*  
17          *return to his position on the road following treatments;*

18          *Whereas, Master Trooper Bailey was active in his*  
19          *community as a member of the Indiana State Police Alliance*  
20          *and member of the Fraternal Order of Police Indiana Wayne*  
21          *Lodge 14, located in Fort Wayne, Indiana;*

22          *Whereas, On Friday, March 3, 2023, Master Trooper*  
23          *Bailey was assisting other troopers with a traffic backup from*  
24          *weather-related crashes on Interstate 69 just south of Auburn,*  
25          *Indiana, when he received word that a person was evading Fort*  
26          *Wayne Police officers and was heading toward Bailey's*  
27          *location;*

28          *Whereas, While in the process of deploying stop sticks to*  
29          *slow the approaching vehicle, Master Trooper Bailey was*  
30          *struck by the suspect's vehicle, critically injuring him and*  
31          *requiring immediate transport to a local hospital, where he*  
32          *eventually passed away; and*



1           *Whereas, Master Trooper Bailey is a true fallen Hoosier*  
2           *hero who dedicated his life to serving the communities of*  
3           *northeastern Indiana and who made the ultimate sacrifice*  
4           *protecting the lives of those around him: Therefore,*

5                           *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*  
6                           *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

7           SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate memorializes Master  
8           Trooper James R. Bailey.

9           SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed  
10          to transmit copies of this Resolution to the family of Master  
11          Trooper James R. Bailey.

