

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION recognizing the importance of the Bible in history.

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION recognizing the importance of
2 the Bible in history.

3 *Whereas, Johann Gutenberg, the man who changed the*
4 *world with the invention of the printing press, chose the Bible*
5 *as the first book to be printed;*

6 *Whereas, The Bible is a perennial best-seller, with over five*
7 *billion copies distributed during the past millennium;*

8 *Whereas, The Bible has been translated, in whole or in*
9 *part, into 3,312 different languages;*

10 *Whereas, Surveys report that nine out of ten Americans*
11 *have Bibles in their homes;*

12 *Whereas, Many of the great works of literature, art, and*
13 *music in the past millennium were inspired by the Bible;*

14 *Whereas, The earliest public education law in America*
15 *(1642) was based on the importance of each student knowing*
16 *the Bible in order to avoid the civil atrocities that had beset*
17 *Europe;*

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1 *Whereas, The first literacy laws in America were enacted*
2 *to protect citizens from tyrannical government through a*
3 *knowledge of the Bible;*

4 *Whereas, Our earliest constitutions, compacts, charters,*
5 *and laws and various drafts of the original state constitutions*
6 *reflect the central role of the Bible in shaping America's civil*
7 *institutions;*

8 *Whereas, John Locke's Treatises cited the Scriptures over*
9 *1,700 times in explaining the proper foundations for civil*
10 *government and was a primary source for drafting the*
11 *Declaration of Independence;*

12 *Whereas, During the Founding Era (1760-1805), the Bible*
13 *was heavily relied upon in the formation of our founding*
14 *documents;*

15 *Whereas, Traditionally, United States presidents have taken*
16 *the oath of office on the Bible;*

17 *Whereas, The Bible has formed the basis of civil justice,*
18 *being the book on which witnesses are sworn in courts of law;*
19 *and*

20 *Whereas, The teachings in the Bible were the impetus*
21 *behind the abolition of slavery, the birth of the Civil Rights*
22 *movement, and inspired humanitarian movements that have*
23 *elevated the lives of every American: Therefore,*

24 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
25 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

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27 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate recognizes the Bible's
28 influential role in our country's history and humanitarian
29 progress throughout the world.

