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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the department of natural resources to monitor the status of the Karner Blue butterfly.

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Whereas, The Karner Blue butterfly (Lycaeides melissa samuelis) is listed as an endangered species under the authority of the federal Endangered Species Act of 1973;

Whereas, The final determination to list the Karner Blue butterfly as endangered came as a result of numerous status surveys that were conducted by states throughout the known range of the butterfly;

Whereas, The Indiana department of natural resources participated in these surveys;

Whereas, Biologists from the department of natural resources checked 35 sites in ten Indiana counties for Karner Blue butterflies;

Whereas, Of these 35 sites, Karner Blue butterflies were found at only ten sites in two counties - Lake and Porter;

Whereas, The staff at the department of natural resources are knowledgeable about the habitat management issues related to the Karner Blue butterfly because the state owns and the department manages several nature preserves containing conditions that would be favorable for habitation by the Karner Blue butterfly;

Whereas, Due to this expertise, the department of natural



resources staff are occasionally asked for input on national Karner Blue butterfly issues;

Whereas, Protection under the Endangered Species Act requires federal agencies to ensure that activities they authorize, fund, or carry out are not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of the species;

Whereas, The Endangered Species Act also prohibits the taking, importing, exporting, and shipping in interstate or foreign commerce in the course of commercial activity and selling or offering for sale in interstate or foreign commerce any listed wildlife species;

Whereas, The beauty of the state of Indiana is enhanced by the presence of the Karner Blue butterflies; and

Whereas, the people of the state of Indiana should do everything in our power to maintain the presence of Karner Blue butterflies in our state and throughout the nation and the world: Therefore,

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

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly urges the
2 department of natural resources to monitor the status of the Karner
3 Blue butterfly and to do everything within its power to keep the species
4 alive and thriving within the boundaries of our state.

5 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
6 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the directory of the
7 Indiana department of natural resources.

