

**HOUSE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_**

**DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION**

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Porter, Summers**

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*Whereas, The Twenty-first Century Scholars program began in 1990;*

*Whereas, The program was established to help raise the educational aspirations of low and moderate income families;*

*Whereas, The goals of the Twenty-first Century Scholars program are to help more students continue their educations, reduce the high school dropout rate, prepare students for the workforce, decrease the use of drugs and alcohol among middle school and high school students, and improve individual economic productivity and the quality of life for all Indiana residents;*

*Whereas, Eligible 8th grade students who enroll in the program must fulfill a pledge of good citizenship to the state. It also requires them to graduate from an Indiana high school with a diploma, maintain at least a 2.0 grade point average, not use illegal drugs or alcohol, not commit any crime, apply for college admission and financial aid as a high school senior, and meet all the regular college admission requirements;*

*Whereas, If the students fulfill this pledge, they are guaranteed the cost of four years of college tuition at any participating public college or university in Indiana;*



*Whereas, The Twenty-first Century Scholars program also includes a Parents' Project that was designed to help parents become educational leaders in their homes, to help sharpen parenting skills, to understand the college system, to foster a more nurturing home environment, and to promote community action on behalf of their children;*

*Whereas, The first group of Twenty-first Century Scholars headed to college in 1995. They are now ready to graduate; and*

*Whereas, As our society becomes more and more specialized, a college education is becoming an absolute necessity in order for our children to prosper in the future: 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 wishes to  
2 acknowledge the tremendous benefits a program such as the  
3 Twenty-first Century Scholars program brings to our state and its  
4 citizens.

5           SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
6 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Governor Frank  
7 O'Bannon and United States Senator Evan Bayh.

