

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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GARD

_____ 2000, read first time and referred to Committee on



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Whereas, The Arc of Hancock County, Inc. originated out of the efforts of parents to provide educational and training services for their special needs children;

Whereas, The community rose in support of these families and in 1961 the first classroom for children with mental retardation was established at Riley School;

Whereas, When the public school system assumed this responsibility, the Arc turned its attention to the needs of adults and established a workshop at its Greenfield facility. In 1975, The Arc of Hancock and Shelby counties formed Shares, Inc., a sheltered workshop which now provides services in Hancock, Rush and Shelby counties;

Whereas, Through a generous donation, The Arc of Hancock County addressed residential services and established Brightway, Inc., with the first group home opening in 1986;

Whereas, The Arc is a tremendous resource for information regarding The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and has also developed programs of awareness



regarding Fetal Alcohol Syndrome;

Whereas, In 1996, The Arc of Hancock County assisted a group of self-advocates to form their own support group called "People for People," whose mission is to help people with disabilities cope with living and working in the community. In support of this mission, The Arc of Hancock County sponsored a theatre outreach called "Dream Makers" which has been recognized by the National Organization on Disability as a model program that promotes inclusion of all citizens;

Whereas, During the month of March, The Arc celebrates National Mental Retardation Awareness with community and educational programs. The Arc also presents an annual scholarship to a Hancock County resident pursuing continued education in the field of special needs; and

Whereas, Awareness activities include school poster contests, parent group presentations, performances by "Dream Makers" and "Celebration of Diversity", which applaud the strengths and values of the community; Therefore,

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

1 SECTION 1. That the people of Indiana and the Indiana General
2 Assembly hereby congratulate The Arc of Hancock County for being
3 such a wonderful advocate for the special needs citizens of Hancock
4 and surrounding counties.

5 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
6 transmit a copy of this resolution to the Board of Directors of The Arc
7 of Hancock County, Inc.

