

**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. ____**

Introduced by: Goodin

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Indiana Sunshine Society.

Whereas, The Indiana Sunshine Society is celebrating 100 years of service to the state of Indiana;

Whereas, The Indiana Sunshine Society was first organized in 1900 by Anna Wilson, principal of Crawfordsville High School, Crawfordsville, Indiana;

Whereas, Anna Wilson felt that there was a need for a girls' organization that would bring cheer and sunshine to others and help set higher ideals for its members;

Whereas, Together with Crawfordsville High School senior Margaret Dice, Anna Wilson established a local chapter of the



International Sunshine Society and set the initiation fee as a good act;

Whereas, After some discussion, the girls established an Indiana chapter of the Sunshine Society, whose goal it was to provide cheer to shut-ins, older people, and poor children. A large number of students responded to the proposed club and became members;

Whereas, The first year's work for this newly established chapter of the Sunshine Society was devoted to the children of the Mission Schools on the outskirts of Crawfordsville. Their work at the school included teaching on Sunday, instructing children in how to serve lunch and sew, and making toys for the children at Christmastime;

Whereas, Word of this newly established organization quickly spread throughout the state, and other schools became interested and started their own chapters;

Whereas, By 1921, there were 20 societies in Indiana, and the state began to hold annual conventions, a practice that continues to this day;

Whereas, The good work of the Sunshine Society continues today, and its purposes have been expanded to inspire high school girls to higher ideals, to spread sunshine and good cheer, to train girls for active citizenship by giving opportunities for active participation in the school, the church, the home, and the community, to train for leadership, to provide intelligent fellowship, and to unite the different societies in a common effort through Sunshine work; and

Whereas, The work of the Sunshine Society is recognized by Indiana and the entire country as beneficial for high school girls and should inspire pride in its members for the "happiness, good cheer, and higher ideals" they dispense: Therefore,

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

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives wishes to



1 thank the members of the Indiana Sunshine Society for the many hours
2 of service they have given the citizens of Indiana.

3 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
4 Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Susann
5 Gilbert, state chairperson.

