

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION to recognize the success of the "Walk A Mile" program in educating policymakers and constituents alike on participatory democracy.

**LUBBERS, GARD, HERSHMAN,
LANDSKE, BREAUX, LANANE,
ROGERS**

_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



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Whereas, the "Walk A Mile" project is a national educational program that links policymakers with their low-income constituents to learn more about each others' lives, gain new perspectives, and "walk a mile" in each others shoes;

Whereas, begun in Washington State in 1994, the program is rooted in the principle that greater personal understanding of issues facing low-income individuals by policymakers will lead to the development of sound public policy;

Whereas, the "Walk a Mile" program was brought to the State of Indiana by the Indiana Association for Community Economic Development, a statewide association dedicated to strengthening Indiana's communities by supporting local organizations engaged in community and economic development;

Whereas, from mid-November through mid-December 2004, twenty-six policymaker/constituent matches were made around the State of Indiana; and



Whereas, Indiana "Walk A Mile" partners shared life experiences through weekly telephone calls and participating in life activities typical for each party. In addition, policymakers were asked to adhere to a food stamp budget to feed their families during the program: 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 members of the Indiana General
2 Assembly recognize the "Walk A Mile" program for its
3 educational benefits for both policymakers and constituents in
4 the State of Indiana.

5 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
6 to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Indiana Association
7 for Community Economic Development.

