

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION congratulating the Studebaker National Museum in South Bend on the setting of the cornerstone of their new state-of-the-art facility.

ZAKAS, BRODEN

_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



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Whereas, Studebaker has been a part of the South Bend heritage since 1852 when the Studebaker brothers founded their blacksmith business;

Whereas, the Studebaker National Museum began in the late 19th century when Clement Studebaker acquired the Lincoln and Lafayette Carriages and placed them on display in the Studebaker Repository;

Whereas, the collection was given by the Studebaker Corporation to the City of South Bend in 1966, and has been on display at various locations throughout the city since that time;

Whereas, the Studebaker National Museum is the only museum in the country that traces the history of transportation from the covered wagons that carried settlers west to high performance automobiles. It is also the only historical institution exclusively dedicated to Studebaker vehicles and to preserving Studebaker corporate records;

Whereas, the collection includes some of the earliest wagons and other horse drawn vehicles ever made, including five Presidential Carriages, which is the largest collection outside the Smithsonian. In addition the museum collection also includes several one-of-a-kind vehicles including the 1956



Packard Predictor and the 1934 Bendix car;

Whereas, to remain relevant to the community's expectations, the museum's displays, vehicles, and artifacts are enhanced by memorabilia from other local companies including Oliver Plow Works, Bendix, Torrington, O'Brien Paints, Drewrys, South Bend Bait, South Bend Toy, South Bend Lathe and others;

Whereas, the museum houses the entire Original Studebaker Collection of 54 vehicles. The museum displays approximately 70 vehicles on a rotational basis;

Whereas, the mission of the Studebaker National Museum is to honor and perpetuate the legacy of the rich industrial heritage of the South Bend area through the display, interpretation, conservation, and preservation of Studebaker vehicles, archives, and other objects to educate present and future generations; and

Whereas, construction of the new Studebaker National Museum facility, designed to reflect the traditions of the Studebaker buildings from the 1920's and 1930's, is well underway and will be completed for opening in October of 2005: Therefore,

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

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana State Senate congratulates the
- 2 Studebaker National Museum in South Bend, on the setting of the
- 3 cornerstone of the new state-of-the-art facility.
- 4 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
- 5 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Mark McDonnell, President of the
- 6 Studebaker National Museum.

