

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Becky Bonham from the
Studebaker National Museum,

**BRODEN, ARNOLD J, MISHLER,
ZAKAS**

_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Becky Bonham from
2 the Studebaker National Museum.

3 *Whereas, Rebecca (Becky) J. Bonham joined Studebaker*
4 *National Museum in 2001,*

5 *Whereas, Bonham is a native of Goshen, Indiana*
6 *graduating from Indiana University in Bloomington with a*
7 *Bachelor of Science, and earning a Master of Science degree*
8 *from Indiana University of South Bend;*

9 *Whereas, Bonham is a graduate of the Community*
10 *Development Leadership Course at Ball State University;*

11 *Whereas, Bonham is in her 14th year as Executive Director*
12 *of the Studebaker National Museum;*

13 *Whereas, Bonham raised both private and public funds to*
14 *design and construct the Studebaker National Museum at the*
15 *current Chapin Street location;*

16 *Whereas, under her leadership in 2007, the museum*
17 *achieved accreditation by the American Alliance of Museums;*

18 *Whereas, Bonham worked to secure a major grant from the*
19 *National Parks Service. With this grant they were able to*
20 *conserve eight priceless vehicles, the collection titled “National*



1 *Treasures”;*

2 *Whereas, the “National Treasures” project includes five*
3 *Presidential Carriages, the crown jewel of the collection is one*
4 *owned by President Abraham Lincoln, in which he took his last*
5 *ride;*

6 *Whereas, under Bonham’s leadership, the Museum was able*
7 *to develop several key educational programs, including the Tire*
8 *Rack Super Center, an interactive children’s exhibit;*

9 *Whereas, in 2009 with a grant from the Federal*
10 *Transportation Agency and in cooperation with the City of*
11 *South Bend, Bonham worked to convert the former “Jelly Bar”*
12 *into the Studebaker Archives building;*

13 *Whereas, in 2013 Bonham received the Industry Partner of*
14 *the Year Award from Visit South Bend Mishawaka;*

15 *Whereas, Bonham has also received 12 NAAMY awards*
16 *from the National Association of Automotive Museums for*
17 *outstanding exhibits, publications, events, and other work;*

18 *Whereas, Bonham has also been the recipient of the*
19 *Chamber of Commerce’s prestigious Athena Award, she has*
20 *also received the Governor’s Award for Excellence in Services,*
21 *as well as being named a Sagamore of the Wabash;*

22 *Whereas, Bonham was also the recipient of the*
23 *Distinguished Alumni award from Indiana University of South*
24 *Bend;*

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26 *Whereas, Bonham has served as Executive Vice President*
27 *for Community Development and Governmental Affairs at the*
28 *Chamber of Commerce of St. Joseph County; and*

29 *Whereas, Bonham has also served as Chairman of the*
30 *Notre Dame Institutes for Organization Management:*
31 *Therefore,*



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

3 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly honors Becky
4 Bonham from the Studebaker National Museum.

5 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
6 transmit a copy of the this resolution to Becky Bonham.

