

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION congratulating the Fishers High School "We The People" team on their recent state championship.

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2 School "We The People" team on their recent state championship.

3 *Whereas, The "We the People" team members from Fishers*
4 *High School, Fishers, Indiana, secured a first place finish in*
5 *the Indiana competition earning them the right to represent*
6 *the state at the national competition in Washington D.C. in*
7 *late April;*

8 *Whereas, This victory is a first in Fishers High School*
9 *history;*

10 *Whereas, The "We the People...The Citizen and the*
11 *Constitution" program was started in 1987 to encourage*
12 *high school students to study the Constitution and the Bill of*
13 *Rights;*

14 *Whereas, Indiana's program is supported by the Indiana*
15 *State Bar Association, the Indiana Bar Foundation, and the*
16 *Indiana University Social Studies Development Center*
17 *through the cooperative sponsorship of the Indiana Program*
18 *for Law-Related Education;*

19 *Whereas, The "We the People..." program is based on a*
20 *classroom curriculum that complements the regular school*
21 *curriculum by providing upper elementary, middle, and high*
22 *school students with an innovative course of instruction on*
23 *the history and principles of constitutional democracy in the*
24 *United States;*



1 *Whereas, Teams mastering their subjects compete in*
 2 *competitions throughout Indiana's nine congressional*
 3 *districts and finally at one state competition with*
 4 *representative teams from each district;*

5 *Whereas, The "We the People..." program was designed to*
 6 *include a wide range of students with varying abilities;*

7 *Whereas, The Fishers High School team members list*
 8 *strong family relationships developed, along with the skills*
 9 *gained as highlights of the experience;*

10 *Whereas, Hard work and dedication by team members and*
 11 *coach Liz Paternoster helped the Fishers High School team*
 12 *go from an underdog to a state champion; and*

13 *Whereas, Involvement with the "We the People..." program*
 14 *allows students to develop a greater commitment to*
 15 *democratic principles and values and promotes political*
 16 *tolerance, and teachers like Liz Paternoster help to prepare*
 17 *the youth of the state of Indiana for a future that will*
 18 *encourage their understanding and participation in our*
 19 *democratic system of government: Therefore,*

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

23 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly congratulates Liz
 24 Paternoster and the Fishers High School team on their victory in the
 25 "We the People... the Citizen and the Constitution" competition and
 26 encourages Ms. Paternoster to continue to instill in each team member
 27 a commitment to democratic principles.

28 SECTION 2. That copies of this resolution be transmitted by the
 29 Secretary of the Senate to team members Abigail M. Aylward, Colin J.
 30 Burke, Ryan J. Elliott, Jason A. Feuerstine, Thomas J. Gaier, Janka
 31 Gal, Caroline M. Hewitt, Jake A. Jensen, Meghan McCann, Halley
 32 Rose Meslin, Jacob M. Patterson, Braden T. Quackenbush, Jeremy F.
 33 Shen, Xiaohong Tan, Dimitar T. Tcholakov, Jessica N. Tease, Elliott
 34 M. Williams, and Sally Wolf, coach Liz Paternoster, advisors Robert
 35 Dyson, Geoff Tease, Mike Fassold, Taylor Schueth, Jessica Schnelker,
 36 Mary Gaier, and Chris Edwards, principal Jason Urban, and
 37 superintendent Dr. Brian Smith.

