

**SENATE CONCURRENT
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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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3 *Whereas, In 1826, encouraged by the presence of salt*
4 *deposits near French Lick, the Indiana General Assembly*
5 *authorized the land to be mined for quantities of salt, but the*
6 *saline content was insufficient to support large scale salt*
7 *mining and the property was offered for sale;*

8 *Whereas, In 1832, Thomas Bowles and his brother, Dr.*
9 *William Bowles, a physician from nearby Paoli, purchased*
10 *1,500 acres of land that included the site near the mineral*
11 *springs;*

12 *Whereas, In or around 1845, the Bowles Brothers built a*
13 *three-story wooden framed hotel and named it French Lick*
14 *Springs Hotel;*

15 *Whereas, In 1897, the main hotel building was destroyed by*
16 *a fire, and from the ashes the Hotel was rebuilt on an even*
17 *grandeur scale into a major resort that catered to guests seeking*
18 *the advertised health benefits of the resort's sulfur springs;*

19 *Whereas, In 1903, Dr. George Kahle reported at the annual*
20 *session of the Indiana State Medical Society that patients who*
21 *had taken the cure at French Lick had experienced*
22 *unparalleled recoveries from ailments ranging from*
23 *rheumatism to gout;*

24 *Whereas, Sales of the Hoosier tonic grew 25-fold from*



1 *1903 to 1919, when it took 450 railroad cars to transport the*
2 *bottler's output;*

3 *Whereas, Named "Pluto Water" after the Roman god of the*
4 *underworld, the tonic was awarded a Blue Ribbon at the*
5 *World's Fair in Paris and sold with the advertising slogan*
6 *"When Nature Won't, Pluto Will.";*

7 *Whereas, Tomato juice was first served as a beverage in*
8 *1917 by Chief Louis Perrin at the French Lick Springs Hotel in*
9 *southern Indiana, when he ran out of orange juice and needed*
10 *a quick substitute;*

11 *Whereas, In 1917, World Golf Hall of Fame designer*
12 *Donald James Ross designed "The Hill Golf Course" at the*
13 *French Lick Springs Hotel, and seven years later in 1924, the*
14 *course hosted a PGA Championship won by Walter Hagen;*

15 *Whereas, In 1931, during a Democrat Governor's*
16 *conference held at the French Lick Spring Hotel, Franklin D.*
17 *Roosevelt came to find support among its attendees in his bid*
18 *to become the Democrat Party's nominee for President of the*
19 *United States;*

20 *Whereas, In 2003, the French Lick Springs Hotel was listed*
21 *on the National Register of Historic Places;*

22 *Whereas, French Lick Resort continues to draw visitors to*
23 *southern Indiana by hosting events such as the Senior Ladies*
24 *Professional Golf Association Tournament, the Senior Men's*
25 *Professional Golf Association Tournament, and Concours*
26 *d'Elegance;*

27 *Whereas, The French Lick Springs Hotel and its wide*
28 *rocking chair filled verandas, gardens, golf courses, spas,*
29 *swimming pools, and entertainment opportunities have served*
30 *millions of guests for 175 years; and*

31 *Whereas, The French Lick Springs Hotel has greatly added*
32 *to the cultural history of America and is a vital part of*



1 *Indiana's tourism future: Therefore,*

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

5 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly
6 commends the French Lick Springs Hotel for 175 years of
7 world class hospitality and continuously welcoming luminaries
8 and statesmen to the Hotel and extends best wishes for hosting
9 millions of guests in the future.

10 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
11 to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the French Lick Springs
12 Hotel.

