

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION to express support for the Gary Regional Airport, the Chicago/Gary Regional Airport Authority and to oppose the State of Illinois in the development of a supplemental regional airport.

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Whereas, the State of Illinois continues to be the only proponent for the construction of a supplemental air carrier airport for the Northwestern Indiana and Northeastern Illinois region at a location near Peotone, Illinois;

Whereas, the United States of America through its Department of Transportation and Federal Aviation Administration have consistently throughout the last decade insisted upon the need for regional consensus among the interested and affected parties before it would issue its approval and financing of a supplemental airport for the region;

Whereas, the other interested and affected parties, i.e. the State of Indiana, the City of Gary, Indiana and the City of Chicago, Illinois have long opposed the construction of a supplemental airport at the site preferred by the State of Illinois;



Whereas, the cities of Gary and Chicago, with the approval and participation of the State of Indiana have formed an interstate compact which created the Chicago/Gary Regional Airport Authority which has as its purpose the enhancement of the existing airports owned and operated by these cities and is further charged with monitoring aviation capacity for the region including the study of a need for a supplemental airport;

Whereas, there exists among the members of the compact a consensus that there does not exist today a need for a supplemental airport because the existing airport infrastructure can well accommodate the region's forecasted air capacity demand for the foreseeable future;

Whereas, the Gary Regional Airport with its available facilities provides the most prudent and economical approach for the development of additional regional airport capacity during this period of limited federal financial assistance for the national air transportation system;

Whereas, the construction of a supplemental regional airport in Illinois would negatively impact funds otherwise available for airport improvements at existing Indiana and Illinois airports; and

Whereas, the Gary Regional Airport is currently conducting a master plan for its future development as evidenced by the commencement of commercial air carrier service by Pan Am Airlines, and other airlines have expressed interest also in commencing service at Gary: 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 Indiana General Assembly expresses its
2 continued support for the Gary Regional Airport, the Chicago/Gary



1 Regional Airport Authority and the consequent economic benefits to
2 Northwestern Indiana and Northeastern Illinois and opposes the
3 continuing efforts of the State of Illinois to construct a supplemental
4 airport for the region without regional consensus among the interested
5 and affected parties.

6 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is directed to transmit a
7 copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Illinois, the
8 Governor of the State of Indiana, the Mayor of the City of Gary, the
9 Mayor of the City of Chicago, the United States Congressional
10 delegates from the State of Illinois, the United States Congressional
11 delegates from the State of Indiana, the Board of Directors of the
12 Chicago/Gary Regional Airport Authority, the Secretary of the United
13 States Department of Transportation and the Administrator of the
14 Federal Aviation Administration.

