

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION celebrating the use of technology in education for improved student learning success as demonstrated at *Buddy's Rotunda Day* in the Capitol on March 14, 2001.

JOHNSON

_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



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Whereas, for over two decades, past and present General Assemblies of the State of Indiana have invested in development of high technology initiatives to benefit student learning including, most recently, the Indiana Technology Fund that has supplemented Indiana school funding for technology and professional development;

Whereas, this has resulted in making Indiana one of the premier states in the nation for developing the first and best educational programs that incorporate innovative uses of technology;

Whereas, the Buddy System Project, originally established for the purpose of extending learning opportunities beyond the bounds of school time and place through the use of home-based technologies to meet curriculum goals, and is by far the largest project of its type. Buddy has forever altered the lives of over 30,000 students and their families, many of whom are socio-economically disadvantaged, and currently serves the teachers, students and families of 76 school communities across Indiana in one or more Buddy Project initiatives;



Whereas, Vision Athena distance learning initiative is the world's largest and arguably the best and most innovative public-switched, two-way video network over fiber serving 350 Indiana schools, museums, other cultural institutions, medical centers and universities, and provides in excess of 50,000 hours of interactive educational programming annually, taking students live and interactively across the globe, below the Atlantic Ocean to explore underwater life, to the Iditerod in Alaska, to classrooms in Europe, and many other fascinating venues;

Whereas, the Indiana Web Academy (IWA), a joint program of the Indiana Department of Education and the Intelenet Commission, was established in January of 1999 to empower educators, parents, and students to integrate technology into education, and is currently providing accredited professional development, certification programs, and technology resources to more than 100 schools across Indiana;

Whereas, the Indiana Department of Education has provided exemplary leadership for support and development of such innovative and collaborative programs as exemplified in the Indiana NEXT initiative to develop technology leadership skills among our school principals and superintendents;

Whereas, the Indiana Online Academy represents a new venture into the world of virtual online courses for high school students to engage in anytime, anywhere learning; and

Whereas, Indiana learning institutions continue to develop innovative tools and strategies for teaching and learning that incorporate effective uses of technology such as: The Indiana Council for Economic Education's Stock Market Game; the Indiana Technology Learning Center, My Target, CanalTrek, and Inspire. 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 acknowledges
- 2 the contributions of the above-mentioned programs, among the best in
- 3 the nation, toward making Indiana a progressive leader in the
- 4 integration of technology for continuous educational improvement.
- 5 SECTION 2. That the General Assembly of the State of Indiana
- 6 commends the thousands of Indiana educators who are striving daily
- 7 to integrate the power of technology for the advancement of student
- 8 learning.
- 9 SECTION 3. That the General Assembly of the State of Indiana
- 10 celebrates our students' success in learning about and with technology
- 11 to ensure the well being of the great state of Indiana in the decades to
- 12 come.
- 13 SECTION 4. That the Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
- 14 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Marvin Bailey of the Corporation
- 15 for Educational Technology to reproduce and distribute among all
- 16 organizations named herein.

