

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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Whereas, Thomas Rodgers is a fifteen-year-old native of Anderson, Indiana;

Whereas, after advancing through state and regional auditions, Thomas was one of seven finalists in his age group from around the country who were invited to compete in Salt Lake City, Utah as part of the Music Teachers National Association's (MTNA) 2003 National Conference;

Whereas, MTNA is 24,000 member organization of professional music teachers founded in 1876 whose competitions are organized for junior high, senior high, and collegiate levels;

Whereas, the finalists of the MTNA Junior High String Competition performed compositions from the classical violin repertoire for a panel of three distinguished judges and Thomas' program included works by Ernst Bloch, J.S. Bach, and Felix Mendelssohn;

Whereas, as national winner of the competition, Thomas was featured on the Winners concert in the Grand Ballroom of the Salt Lake City Convention Center, and he will receive a commemorative plaque accompanied by a cash award of \$500 from the MTNA Foundation;

Whereas, at the age six Thomas began lessons with Mrs. Beverly

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Scott, who for many years has nurtured the growth of countless young violin students in Anderson;

Whereas, in 1998, Thomas began attending the Indiana University string Academy in Bloomington, Indiana, studying first with Christina Hightower and then Mimi Zweig;

Whereas, Thomas' accolades include: winner of young artist competitions held by the Carmel Symphony, Muncie Symphony, and the Fort Wayne Philharmonic, and he has appeared as concerto soloist with all of these orchestras; 2003 recipient of the Fellowship for Young Artists in Chamber Music awarded by the International Violin Competition of Indianapolis with which Thomas will receive chamber music coaching from Indianapolis Symphony Concertmaster, Mr. Hidetaro Suzuki and will perform on a Suzuki and friends chamber music concert at the Indiana State Historical Society Museum in Indianapolis;

Whereas, Thomas has performed twice this season at the Paramount Theater, appearing on the Traditions in Anderson concert and in the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration; Thomas has also displayed his talent at Pendleton First United Methodist Church, Park Place Church of God, and Central Christian Church;

Whereas, in April, Thomas will perform again at Park Place church of God as a member of the Indiana University Violin Virtuosi, a group of gifted young violinists returning by popular demand after a warmly received concert last spring; this group, which is directed by Mimi Zweig of the Indiana University School of Music, has been featured on National public Radio's From the Top, a weekly program that showcases young classical musicians from all over the United States and has performed in Carnegie Hall in New York City and will perform in France this summer; and

Whereas, this summer Thomas plans to attend Meadowmount School of Music in New York, an intensive summer program attended by many professional violinists in their early years.

Whereas, by virtue of winning the above mentioned MTNA competition, and all of the other previously mentioned musical accomplishments, Thomas has distinguished himself, his community, and the State of Indiana in a very significant manner.



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 General Assembly honor and congratulate
2 Thomas Rodgers on his many musical accomplishments and
3 achievements.

4 SECTION 2. That the Secretary of the Senate shall transmit copies
5 of this resolution to Thomas Rodgers and his parents.

