

Introduced Version

**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

Introduced by: Koch

A RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th anniversary
of the creation of Abe Martin.

*Whereas, For 25 years, "Abe Martin" spoke for Kin
Hubbard in the Indianapolis News;*

*Whereas, Hubbard's daily quips were accompanied by
sketches of Abe and his friends in action and were syndicated
across the nation;*

*Whereas, Hubbard was born in Bellefontaine, Ohio, and
later settled in Indianapolis;*

*Whereas, Hired by the Indianapolis News in 1891,
Hubbard's first stint at the paper lasted only three years due to*

20053334



the hiring of a new managing editor who wanted, according to Hubbard, "a real artist who could draw anything";

Whereas, Upon his return to the Indianapolis News in the fall of 1901, Hubbard became well-known for his caricatures of political figures, particularly Indiana legislators;

Whereas, In 1904, while traveling on trains during campaign trips by Democratic presidential candidate William Jennings Bryan and Republican vice presidential candidate Charles Fairbanks, Hubbard gathered more material for his cartoon;

Whereas, After trying names such as Seth Martin, Steve Martin, and Abe Hulsizer, Hubbard finally decided on Abe Martin;

Whereas, On December 17, 1904, Abe Martin made his first appearance;

Whereas, In the beginning, Abe Martin belonged to no particular locality, but on February 3, 1905, Abe told us that "I'm goin' ter move ter Brown County Tewmorrow", and the next day he was depicted in a wagon piled high with household goods;

Whereas, The reason for the move was that Brown County provided Hubbard with the picturesque surroundings that lent themselves to his type of humorous exaggeration;

Whereas, Hubbard's cartoons played a major role in attracting the attention of artists and tourists to Brown County; and they, in turn, have made the area world famous;

Whereas, Hubbard, whose humor is as timely now as it was in its heyday, was recognized by Will Rogers as "America's greatest humorist"; and

Whereas, In dedication of the memory of Kin Hubbard and Abe Martin, the Department of Natural Resources built the Abe Martin Lodge in 1932 on Kin Hubbard Ridge, naming the cottages in the lodge after Hubbard's principal characters: Therefore,



*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives
2 commemorates the 100th anniversary of the creation of "Abe Martin"
3 and acknowledges the role Kin Hubbard played in focusing the
4 attention of the citizens of Indiana and the world on the beauty of
5 Brown County.
- 6 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
7 Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the Abe
8 Martin Lodge in Brown County State Park, the Brown County
9 Chamber of Commerce, the Brown County Arts & Cultural
10 Commission, and the Brown County Commissioners.

