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**HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION congratulating Mrs. Janet
Pernell on her selection as the 2005 Milken National Educator.

Murphy, Frizzell, Buell

_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



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Whereas, The Milken National Educator Award is the nation's largest teacher recognition program;

Whereas, This award was developed by the Milken Family Foundation to reward, retain, and attract the highest quality kindergarten through 12th grade teachers to the teaching profession;

Whereas, 42 states participate in the Milken National Educator Awards;

Whereas, Milken educators are selected by an independent blue ribbon committee appointed by the Department of Education from each of the 42 participating states;

Whereas, This selection committee recommends the candidates directly to the Milken Family Foundation; there is no nomination or application procedure involved in this award;

Whereas, To be nominated by the selection committee, the candidates must meet the following criteria: possess exceptional educational talent as evidenced by outstanding instructional practices in the classroom, school, and profession; make outstanding accomplishments and have strong long-range potential for professional and policy leadership; and have an engaging and inspiring presence that motivates and affects students, colleagues, and



community members;

Whereas, Mrs. Janet Pernell fulfills all these requirements;

Whereas, Mrs. Pernell, a 19-year educator, has spent her entire teaching career at Southport High School, where she teaches mathematics;

Whereas, Mrs. Pernell received a bachelor of science degree in mathematics from Purdue University and a master's degree in education from Indiana Wesleyan University;

Whereas, In addition to her selection as the 2005 Milken National Educator, Mrs. Pernell has been nominated for the Disney Educator Award;

Whereas, Mrs. Pernell sets high standards for all her students, accepts no excuses, and helps students find ways to succeed; and

Whereas, Terry Thompson, principal of Southport High School, describes Mrs. Pernell as imaginative, child-centered, and stimulating, and, he says, more importantly, these are the words her students use to describe their beloved teacher: Therefore,

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

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly congratulates Mrs.
2 Janet Pernell on her selection as the 2005 Milken National Educator
3 and recognizes her dedication to her students and her devotion to the
4 youth of our state. We urge Mrs. Pernell to continue to encourage our
5 young people to further their education and to strive to do their best.
6 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
7 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Mrs. Janet Pernell
8 and her family; Terry Thompson, principal of Southport High School;
9 and Dr. H. Douglas Williams, superintendent of the Metropolitan
10 School District of Perry Township.

