

**SENATE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_**

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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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## SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

A SENATE RESOLUTION to celebrate and honor Benjamin Franklin on this the 300th Anniversary of his birth.

*Whereas, he was born on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1706 in Boston Massachusetts and died on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1790 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and*

*Whereas, he was a noted scientist who had a natural curiosity that served him well in his dedication to making people's lives better by way of his various inventions which included bifocals, a flexible medical catheter, the lightning rod, the iron furnace or "Franklin stove", the odometer, the long arm, swim fins, the glass armonica, the discovery of the principle of refrigeration and the scientific fields of electricity and meteorology; and*

*Whereas, he was a celebrated scholar; building his skills initially while assisting his brother James at the first truly independent newspaper in the colonies, the New England Courant, and wrote letters briefly for the paper under the well-known pseudonym 'Silence Dogood'; and eventually became the sole owner and publisher of Philadelphia's Pennsylvania Gazette and published the Poor Richard's Almanac annually; and*

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*Whereas, he was an economist who believed in the "American Dream" of each person being created equal and having the same opportunity to achieve success; and as he utilized his printing skills to print paper money, helping to establish the currency system we currently use in America; and*

*Whereas, he was the first national and international figure in American history, and as Minister to France during the revolution his success in securing French military and financial aid was decisive for the American victory over Britain; and*

*Whereas, he was an ardent public servant; creating the Union Fire Company, the first volunteer firefighting company in America, and later establishing the first fire insurance company; set up the postal system in Philadelphia; organized the first militia; initially proposed the idea of Daylight Savings Time; began the first public library in America; helped establish the University of Pennsylvania and the Franklin and Marshall College; and chartered the first hospital in America, the Pennsylvania Hospital; and*

*Whereas, he was a dedicated statesman hailed as the 'First American' and is the only person to have signed all four of the documents which helped to create the United States: the Declaration of Independence, the Treaty of Alliance, Amity, and Commerce with France, the Treaty of Peace between England, France, and the United States, and the Constitution; was elected President of the Pennsylvania Society for Promoting the Abolition of Slavery; played a central role in convincing Parliament to repeal the Stamp Act; headed the Pennsylvania delegation to the Albany Congress in 1754 where he introduced a plan including many elements which were used in the Articles of Confederation; served as Postmaster General under the Continental Congress; and was President of the Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania; and*

*Whereas, he was a visionary philosopher who is credited with various poignant and timeless pieces of advice including the quote "Well done is better than well said" which accurately*



*sums up his commitment to the betterment of the people and society around him through his actions;*

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

1 SECTION 1. That the Senate of the General Assembly celebrates  
2 and honors Benjamin Franklin for his many accomplishments on this  
3 the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his birth.

4 SECTION 2. That the Secretary of the Senate is directed to transmit  
5 a copy of this resolution to the President of Franklin College, Franklin,  
6 Indiana.

