

Introduced Version

**HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION recognizing the 500 Festival
on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of its founding.

Mays

_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION recognizing the 500 Festival on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of its founding.

Whereas, The 500 Festival is marking its 50th anniversary with the unveiling of an exhibit at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Hall of Fame Museum that is a historical look back at the festival's first 50 years;

Whereas, Established in 1957 by four men, the 500 Festival originally consisted of a parade, a square dance, and a gala ball the night before the Indianapolis 500 Mile Race;

Whereas, The mission of the 500 Festival, which has not changed throughout its 50 year existence, is "to produce events and programs that celebrate the success of the Indianapolis 500 Mile Race and enhance the quality of life for the citizens of Indiana and their guests";

Whereas, Today the 500 Festival plans and organizes the Mini-Marathon, the 5K Run, the 500 Festival Kids' Day and Rookie Run, the Princess Program, the Mayors Breakfast, Community Day, the 500 Festival and Indianapolis 500 Education Program, the 500 Festival Memorial Service, and the 500 Festival Parade, making it one of the largest festivals in the nation;

Whereas, The Indianapolis 500 Mile Race stands alone in the world of sporting events; no other single sporting event has a legacy like it;



Whereas, The Indianapolis 500 Mile Race has played an enormous part in shaping and defining Indianapolis, the state of Indiana, and its citizens; and

Whereas, The thousands of Hoosiers and visitors to our state who participate in 500 Festival activities each May are celebrating the legacy of the world's greatest spectacle in racing and the festival that has grown up around it: 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 recognizes the
- 2 contributions made by the 500 Festival to the economy of our state, the
- 3 health of our citizens, and the hours of pleasure and entertainment
- 4 Hoosiers and visitors to our state have enjoyed over the past 50 years.
- 5 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 6 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Kirk Hendrix, 500
- 7 Festival president and CEO.

