

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

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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION congratulating Megan Gilliam on winning Grand Champion in Junior Showmanship at the Switzerland County Fair.

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## SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

A SENATE RESOLUTION congratulating Megan Gilliam on winning Grand Champion in Junior Showmanship at the Switzerland County Fair.

*Whereas, Megan Gilliam and her hermit crab, Speedy, took home top honors at the Switzerland County Fair;*

*Whereas, Hermit crabs are decapod crustaceans of the superfamily Paguroidea. This classification places them in the pocket pet category of the Switzerland County Fair;*

*Whereas, The award of Grand Champion signifies the highest award available for a participant in any given category. The Junior Showmanship title indicates the class in which an animal and its handler are assigned, based on certain qualifying criteria;*

*Whereas, The care of hermit crabs requires a substantial level of maturity and commitment in order to ensure the animal a long and healthy life. Megan's choice to take on this responsibility speaks volumes about her character;*

*Whereas, Hermit crabs molt, and thus an appropriately*

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*sized shell must be provided upon the release of the old one. Provision of a unsuitable shell could compromise both the safety and the growth of the crab. Hermit crabs also require the presence of a heat lamp during cold months, as they are cold blooded creatures;*

*Whereas, Megan's passion for caring for animals extends beyond her love for Speedy. Currently, she also cares for a rabbit, a guinea pig, fish, a dog, and a rat. When Megan is not busy tending to the needs of her many pets, she also enjoys learning about bugs in her 4-H bug club where she boasts a successful competition record and competed last year at the state level;*

*Whereas, The preservation of the natural world is of ever-increasing importance to our society. Megan's dedication and passion for education in this area provides a major contribution to the preservation of our nation's natural resources; and*

*Whereas, Megan Gilliam is congratulated for her success in the Switzerland County Junior Showman competition in the Pocket Pet Division and is encouraged to continue her pursuit of knowledge and the loyal care of animals: Therefore,*

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

1 SECTION 1. The Indiana Senate congratulates Megan Gilliam for  
2 her Grand Champion hermit crab, Speedy.

3 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to  
4 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Megan Gilliam.

