

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

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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION recognizing National Catholic Schools Week, January 27 - February 2, 2013.

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1           A SENATE RESOLUTION recognizing National Catholic  
2 Schools Week, January 27 - February 2, 2013.

3           *Whereas, National Catholic Schools Week began in 1974*  
4 *as an effort to recognize the importance of Catholic schools in*  
5 *America;*

6           *Whereas, Catholic schooling is often preferred by parents*  
7 *because of the emphasis on academic, moral, and spiritual*  
8 *development;*

9           *Whereas, The theme for National Catholic Schools Week in*  
10 *2013 is "Catholic Schools Raise the Standards", an*  
11 *exceptionally fitting theme considering Catholic school students*  
12 *score above average on national academic tests and over 99%*  
13 *of students at Catholic high schools graduate each year;*

14           *Whereas, Over 91% of graduates from schools within the*  
15 *Archdiocese of Indianapolis go on to attend college, an*  
16 *astounding number given that only 44.1% of public school*  
17 *graduates in Indianapolis do the same;*

18           *Whereas, There are almost 7,000 elementary and*

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1     *secondary Catholic schools in the nation, enrolling around 2.1*  
2     *million students each year;*

3             *Whereas, Each year, Catholic schools save taxpayers \$20*  
4     *billion dollars in education costs;*

5             *Whereas, The impact of Catholic schools on our most*  
6     *vulnerable populations is tremendous. Catholic schools play a*  
7     *integral role in the education of students from low-income*  
8     *families and nearly 30% of Catholic school students represent*  
9     *minority populations;*

10            *Whereas, Close to 15% of students enrolled in Catholic*  
11     *schools are not Catholic, a statistic which indicates that*  
12     *Catholic and non-Catholic parents alike see the value in a*  
13     *Catholic education; and*

14            *Whereas, Catholic schools have proven beneficial to*  
15     *parents, students, and taxpayers alike. National Catholic*  
16     *Schools Week is an important way to recognize the impact of*  
17     *Catholic schools in our communities: Therefore,*

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

20            SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate recognizes National  
21     Catholic Schools Week, January 27-February 2, 2013.

22            SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to  
23     transmit a copy of this Resolution to Mary McCoy, Glenn Tebbe, and  
24     John Elcesser.

