

**SENATE CONCURRENT
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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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CHARBONNEAU

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3 *Whereas, Founded as Ideal Beach in 1926 by Earl W.*
4 *Spackman, Indiana Beach has grown into a full regional*
5 *amusement park and vacation resort on Lake Shafer;*

6 *Whereas, The early years consisted of a bathhouse and*
7 *refreshment stand on the shores of Lake Shafer, then a dance*
8 *hall was added in 1930, which became a popular spot for big*
9 *bands, earning the nickname "The Riviera of the Midwest";*

10 *Whereas, From the 1950s through the 1990s, the park*
11 *shifted its focus towards amusement rides under Earl*
12 *Spackman's son, Tom Spackman, who renamed it Indiana*
13 *Beach and proceeded to add a large paddlewheel boat in 1961,*
14 *roller coasters in the 1970s, and a water park in the 1990s;*

15 *Whereas, The Spackman family sold the park in 2008, then*
16 *it was sold again in 2015, and just five years later it faced*
17 *permanent closure in February 2020;*

18 *Whereas, Chicago businessman Gene Staples purchased*
19 *the park in April 2020, and by the end of June 2020, the park*
20 *reopened; and*

21 *Whereas, Indiana Beach and Amusement Park and*
22 *Vacation Resort draws thousands of visitors each year, and is*
23 *a staple of White County, the greater Lafayette region, and the*
24 *State of Indiana: Therefore,*



