

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION recognizing the Southern Indiana Sentinel Landscape Partnership.

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SENATE RESOLUTION

MR. PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION recognizing the Southern
2 Indiana Sentinel Landscape Partnership.

3 *Whereas, Indiana landowners and rural communities have
4 long provided essential support to the agricultural economy by
5 maintaining working farms, forests, and landscapes;*

6 *Whereas, Nestled within these communities, Southern
7 Indiana is the home to key military installations and ranges,
8 including Naval Support Activity Crane, Lake Glendora Test
9 Facility, Camp Atterbury, Muscatatuck Training Center, and
10 the Indiana Air Range Complex;*

11 *Whereas, Agricultural operations contribute \$35.1 billion
12 to Indiana's economy, and military installations contribute \$1.6
13 billion in payroll to Indiana's military personnel, together
14 generating employment, investment, and long-term economic
15 stability;*

16 *Whereas, Over the years, disruptive land use and
17 encroachments around the installations have impacted the
18 military's ability to maintain readiness;*

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1 *Whereas, In 2013, the United States Departments of
2 Defense, Agriculture, and the Interior established the Sentinel
3 Landscapes Partnership to protect landscapes critical to
4 military readiness while sustaining working economies and
5 conserving natural resources;*

6 *Whereas, In 2022, 3.5 million acres in Southern Indiana
7 were designated a sentinel landscape through an effort led by
8 the Conservation Law Center, The Nature Conservancy, and
9 Naval Support Activity Crane;*

10 *Whereas, Private conservation organizations, including
11 Central Indiana Land Trust and Sycamore Land Trust, also
12 support sentinel landscape priorities;*

13 *Whereas, The Southern Indiana Sentinel Landscape
14 Partnership ensures long-term protection of open spaces for
15 agriculture and recreational use, benefiting Indiana and our
16 national security; and*

17 *Whereas, In 2024, the Southern Indiana Sentinel Landscape
18 Partnership spearheaded a historic initiative to permanently
19 protect nearly 4,000 acres of land near Lake Glendora Test
20 Facility, establishing Busseron Creek Fish & Wildlife Area for
21 the conservation of wildlife habitat and recreational land use:
22 Therefore,*

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

25 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate recognizes and thanks
26 the Southern Indiana Sentinel Landscape Partnership for its
27 contributions to land preservation for agricultural, military, and
28 recreational uses.

29 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
30 to transmit copies of this Resolution to the Southern Indiana
31 Sentinel Landscape Partnership, Adjutant General Larry



1 Muennich, Director of the Indiana State Department of
2 Agriculture Don Lamb, Director of the Indiana Department of
3 Natural Resources Alan Morrison, and Commissioner of the
4 Indiana Department of Environmental Management Clint
5 Woods.

