

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

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A SENATE RESOLUTION recognizing the Southern Indiana  
Sentinel Landscape Partnership.

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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;*



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.

