SENATE RESOLUTION No. ___

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION recognizing the month of April as Arab-American Heritage Month.

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SENATE RESOLUTION ___

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

A SENATE RESOLUTION recognizing the month of April as Arab-American Heritage Month.

Whereas, The Arab-American community has a long and integral history in Indiana;

Whereas, For over a century, Arab-Americans have been making valuable contributions to virtually every aspect of American society, including medicine, law, business, technology, sports, and government;

Whereas, Prominent Arab-Americans in Indiana include the Honorable Governor Mitch Daniels and the 23rd Official Reporter for the Indiana Supreme and Appellate Courts, Helen Corey;

Whereas, Since migrating to America, men and women of Arab descent have shared their rich culture and traditions with neighbors and friends, while also setting fine examples of engaged citizens and public servants;

Whereas, Arab-Americans brought with them to America their resilient family values, strong work ethic, dedication to

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Whereas, education, and diversity in faith and creed that have added strength to our great democracy;

Whereas, Arab-Americans have also enriched our society by sharing in the entrepreneurial American spirit that makes our nation free and prosperous;

Whereas, Tens of thousands of Arab-Americans have served during World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, and the Wars in Afghanistan and Iraq after September 11, 2001;

Whereas, Men and women of Arab descent have overcome discrimination and have persevered in order to share their rich culture, strong work ethic, and dedication to education while embracing the American spirit of opportunity and helping us build a better nation and state for all;

Whereas, It is estimated that there are at least 30,000 people of Arab descent in Indiana;

Whereas, It is appropriate and right to celebrate a diversity of cultures and heritages, and such celebration serves as a reminder that despite our differing backgrounds, everyone in Indiana is bound by a common hope for a better and more inclusive future for our children; and

Whereas, We recognize and celebrate the contributions to cultural diversity, economic growth, and the overall development of our state and nation made by the Arab-American community: Therefore,

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

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SECTION 1. That the Indiana State Senate recognizes the month of April of each year as Arab-American Heritage Month to recognize the valuable contributions of Arab-Americans to this state and to the various aspects of American society.