

**SENATE CONCURRENT  
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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Becky Bonham from the  
Studebaker National Museum,

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**BRODEN, ARNOLD J, MISHLER,  
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1           A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Becky Bonham from  
2 the Studebaker National Museum.

3           *Whereas, Rebecca (Becky) J. Bonham joined Studebaker*  
4 *National Museum in 2001,*

5           *Whereas, Bonham is a native of Goshen, Indiana*  
6 *graduating from Indiana University in Bloomington with a*  
7 *Bachelor of Science, and earning a Master of Science degree*  
8 *from Indiana University of South Bend;*

9           *Whereas, Bonham is a graduate of the Community*  
10 *Development Leadership Course at Ball State University;*

11           *Whereas, Bonham is in her 14<sup>th</sup> year as Executive Director*  
12 *of the Studebaker National Museum;*

13           *Whereas, Bonham raised both private and public funds to*  
14 *design and construct the Studebaker National Museum at the*  
15 *current Chapin Street location;*

16           *Whereas, under her leadership in 2007, the museum*  
17 *achieved accreditation by the American Alliance of Museums;*

18           *Whereas, Bonham worked to secure a major grant from the*  
19 *National Parks Service. With this grant they were able to*  
20 *conserve eight priceless vehicles, the collection titled “National*



1 *Treasures”;*

2 *Whereas, the “National Treasures” project includes five*  
3 *Presidential Carriages, the crown jewel of the collection is one*  
4 *owned by President Abraham Lincoln, in which he took his last*  
5 *ride;*

6 *Whereas, under Bonham’s leadership, the Museum was able*  
7 *to develop several key educational programs, including the Tire*  
8 *Rack Super Center, an interactive children’s exhibit;*

9 *Whereas, in 2009 with a grant from the Federal*  
10 *Transportation Agency and in cooperation with the City of*  
11 *South Bend, Bonham worked to convert the former “Jelly Bar”*  
12 *into the Studebaker Archives building;*

13 *Whereas, in 2013 Bonham received the Industry Partner of*  
14 *the Year Award from Visit South Bend Mishawaka;*

15 *Whereas, Bonham has also received 12 NAAMY awards*  
16 *from the National Association of Automotive Museums for*  
17 *outstanding exhibits, publications, events, and other work;*

18 *Whereas, Bonham has also been the recipient of the*  
19 *Chamber of Commerce’s prestigious Athena Award, she has*  
20 *also received the Governor’s Award for Excellence in Services,*  
21 *as well as being named a Sagamore of the Wabash;*

22 *Whereas, Bonham was also the recipient of the*  
23 *Distinguished Alumni award from Indiana University of South*  
24 *Bend;*

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26 *Whereas, Bonham has served as Executive Vice President*  
27 *for Community Development and Governmental Affairs at the*  
28 *Chamber of Commerce of St. Joseph County; and*

29 *Whereas, Bonham has also served as Chairman of the*  
30 *Notre Dame Institutes for Organization Management:*  
31 *Therefore,*



1        *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the*  
2        *State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

3                SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly honors Becky  
4        Bonham from the Studebaker National Museum.

5                SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to  
6        transmit a copy of the this resolution to Becky Bonham.

