

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring Michelle Whaley, biological sciences professor at the University of Notre Dame, for being named the 2014 Indiana Professor of the Year.

ZAKAS, BRODEN

_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring Michelle Whaley,
2 biological sciences professor at the University of Notre Dame,
3 for being named the 2014 Indiana Professor of the Year.

4 *Whereas, On November 20, 2014, Notre Dame professor of*
5 *biological sciences Michelle Whaley was named the 2014*
6 *Indiana Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for*
7 *the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for the*
8 *Advancement and Support of Education;*

9 *Whereas, This program honors outstanding undergraduate*
10 *instructors across the country for their teaching and mentoring;*

11 *Whereas, Whaley, who has worked on the Notre Dame*
12 *teaching faculty since 1993, is the first Notre Dame faculty*
13 *member to be named Indiana Professor of the Year;*

14 *Whereas, For the past sixteen years, Whaley has directed*
15 *the summer Research Experience for Undergraduates program,*
16 *which draws participants from universities across the country*
17 *to train students, including under-represented minority*
18 *students, in research skills, preparing for graduate school,*
19 *science ethics, and other topics;*



1 *Whereas, Whaley is also the faculty coordinator of the*
2 *Undergraduate Research Program in the biological sciences*
3 *department and chair of the undergraduate research committee*
4 *for the University of Notre Dame;*

5 *Whereas, Highly involved in her local community, Whaley*
6 *created and leads the Genetics Mentor program for middle and*
7 *high school students at the Robinson Community Learning*
8 *Center and was involved in bringing to the Notre Dame campus*
9 *the DNA Learning Center, a hands-on science center for area*
10 *K-12 students;*

11 *Whereas, A native of Hawaii, Whaley earned her bachelor's*
12 *degree in biology and religion at Scripps College and a*
13 *doctoral degree in molecular genetics from Notre Dame;*

14 *Whereas, Whaley's research focuses on mosquito visual*
15 *genes and how those genes may affect mosquito behavior,*
16 *particularly as it relates to mosquito-born illnesses; and*

17 *Whereas, It is fitting that the Indiana Senate gives special*
18 *recognition to Michelle Whaley for her remarkable*
19 *contributions to higher education in the State of Indiana:*
20 *Therefore,*

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

23 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate congratulates
24 Michelle Whaley for being named the 2014 Indiana Professor
25 of the Year.

26 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
27 to transmit copies of this Resolution to Michelle Whaley and
28 Reverend John I. Jenkins, President of Notre Dame University.

