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MR. PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION urging Governor Michael R.
2 Pence to declare the third Saturday of September as American
3 Indian Day.

4 *Whereas, The annual Trail of Courage Living History*
5 *Festival, which has been held on the third weekend of*
6 *September since 1976, is an event that honors the Potawatomi*
7 *who were forcibly removed from Indiana to Kansas in 1838,*
8 *known as the Trail of Death;*

9 *Whereas, The Trail of Death took place September 4th to*
10 *November 4th, 1838;*

11 *Whereas, Each year, the Fulton County Historical Society*
12 *honors a different Potawatomi family that had ancestors on the*
13 *Trail of Death or signed treaties in Indiana;*

14 *Whereas, At the 2016 festival, the organization will honor*
15 *John “Rocky” Barrett, chairman of the Citizen Potawatomi*
16 *Nation, Shawnee, Oklahoma;*

17 *Whereas, While most of the descendants of the Trail of*
18 *Death are members of the Citizen Band, some are members of*



1 *the Pokagon Band of Michigan and Indiana, Prairie Band of*
2 *Kansas, and Forest Band of Wisconsin, and each of these bands*
3 *have given tribal flags to the Trail of Courage Living History*
4 *Festival;*

5 *Whereas, In 1816, when Indiana became a state, northern*
6 *Indiana was still Potawatomi Territory, and there are still*
7 *many Potawatomi living in Indiana, as well as members of*
8 *other tribes;*

9 *Whereas, Also notable, at least 10 percent of Indiana*
10 *residents have American Indian ancestry; and*

11 *Whereas, In honor of 2016 being Indiana's Bicentennial*
12 *year, the third Saturday of September should be declared*
13 *American Indian Day, a permanent day of recognition and*
14 *acknowledgment that American Indians were and still are*
15 *important in Indiana's history and modern life: Therefore,*

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

18 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate urges Governor Michael R.
19 Pence to declare the third Saturday of September as American Indian
20 Day.

21 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
22 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Governor Michael R. Pence and
23 the Shirley Willard, President of the Fulton County Historical Society.

