

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 52

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D. BROWN, HARP, O'CONNELL, SWIFT, KRUEGER, SCHULTZ, SIMON,
PHILLIPS, BRANDEWIE, RAMIREZ, MERCER, THOMAS, ERNST

BY REQUEST OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION AND
CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

IN THE HOUSE

April 8, 1985	Introduced and referred to Committee on Education and Cultural Resources.
April 10, 1985	Committee recommend bill do pass. Report adopted. Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
April 11, 1985	Second reading, do pass as amended.
April 12, 1985	Correctly engrossed.
April 13, 1985	Third reading, passed. Transmitted to Senate.

IN THE SENATE

April 15, 1985	Introduced and referred to Committee on Education and Cultural Resources.
April 20, 1985	Committee recommend bill be concurrred in. Report adopted.
April 22, 1985	Second reading, concurrred in.

April 23, 1985

Third reading, concurred in.
Ayes, 37; Noes, 12.

Returned to House.

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April 23, 1985

Received from Senate.

Sent to enrolling.

Reported correctly enrolled.

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