

A Resolution Protesting the Choice of Indiana Lieutenant Governor Joe Kernan as the University of Notre Dame's 1998 Commencement Speaker.

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WHEREAS the University of Notre Dame is a national university with a student body from all fifty states and numerous other countries; and,

WHEREAS the University of Notre Dame is a nationally ranked university which prides itself on its national reputation for teaching and research; and,

WHEREAS a school with these credentials should seek a nationally known figure as its Commencement Speaker; and,

WHEREAS Joe Kernan, while holding an important governmental office in Indiana, lacks a national reputation such as past speakers like President Bush (1992) and Tom Brokaw (1993); and,

WHEREAS the Class of 1998 was asked to recommend speakers for *its* Commencement and was then seemingly ignored; and,

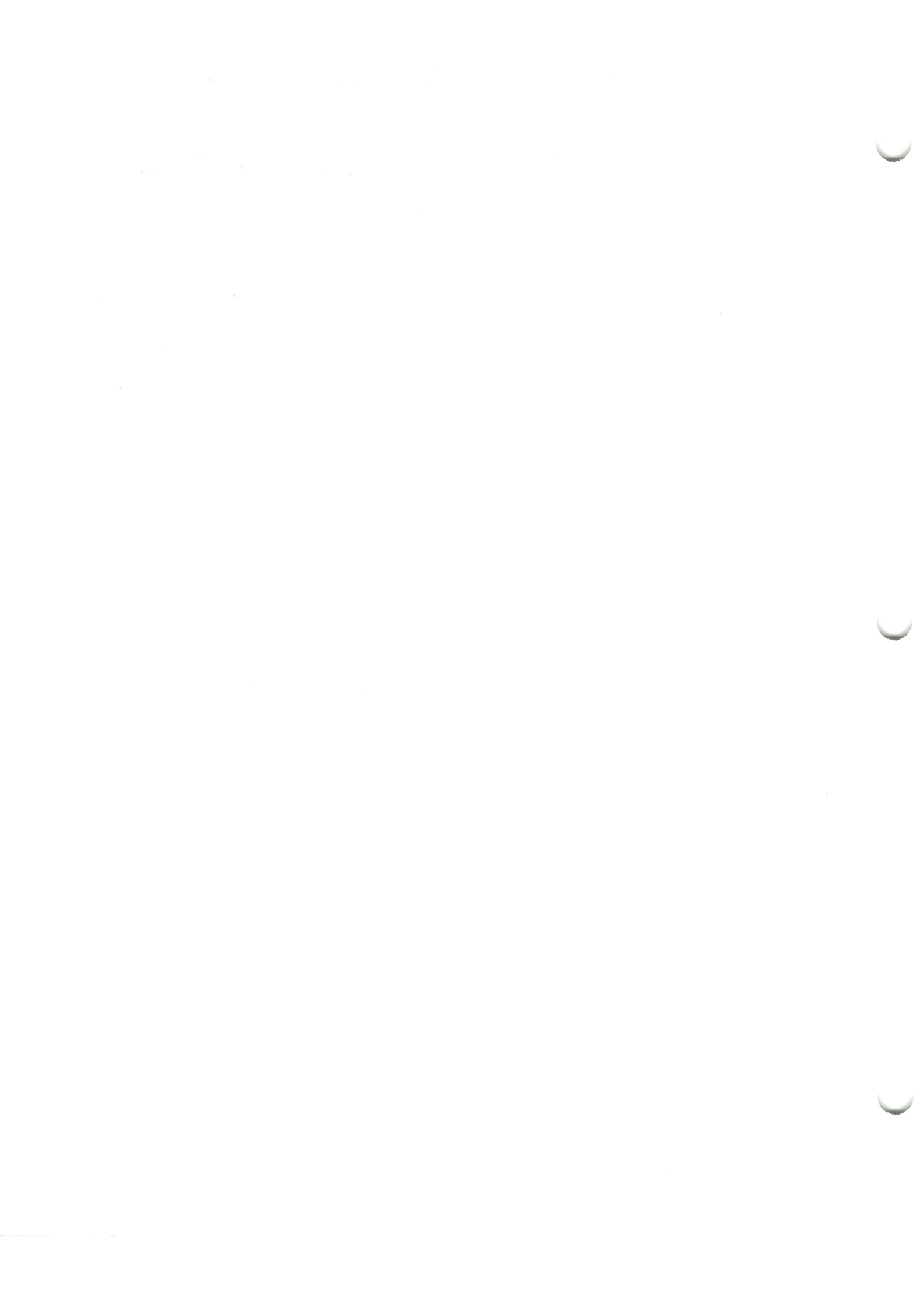
WHEREAS past instances of obscure Commencement Speakers such as Mary Ann Glennan in 1996, have been selected by the University of Notre Dame against student wishes; and,

WHEREAS a member of the Class of 1998 will have contributed nearly \$100,000 to the University of Notre Dame after four years and, as such, deserves input into his or her Commencement Speaker; and,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Student Senate strongly protests the decision to invite Indiana Lieutenant Governor Joe Kernan as the 1998 Commencement Speaker; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Student Senate calls for true student input into future such decisions.

Submitted by Ryan Costantini, Morrissey Senator



# Notre Dame Student Senate

## BILL INFORMATION

**Student Body Vice-President Andrea Selak,  
Presiding Officer**

DATE

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BILL NO.

S9899--- 03

### TYPE OF BILL

RESOLUTION

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AMENDMENT

BILL TITLE

PROTESTING THE CHOICE OF INDIANA LIEUTENANT GOV  
JOE KERNAN AS THE UNIVERSITY OF ND COMMENCEMENT  
SPEAKER

VOTES

YES  
NO  
ABSTAIN


BILL STATUS

PASSED  
FAILED  
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