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2 anniversary of the Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites
3 Corporation and the Culbertson Mansion in New Albany,
4 Indiana.

5 *Whereas, The Indiana State Museum traces its origins to*
6 *March 1869, when the General Assembly created a State*
7 *Geological Department and directed the State Geologist to*
8 *collect and preserve a geological and mineralogical cabinet;*

9 *Whereas, The Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites*
10 *Corporation programming serves visitors of all ages and many*
11 *interests with over 500,000 objects covering art, science,*
12 *culture, and history;*

13 *Whereas, In 1925, the Museums and Memorials section was*
14 *established within the Department of Conservation as part of*
15 *State Parks, bringing together the Indiana State Museum and*
16 *Memorials, now known as the Indiana State Museum and*
17 *Historic Sites Corporation;*

18 *Whereas, The Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites*
19 *Corporation is now a statewide system with 12 locations: Angel*
20 *Mounds, Levi and Catharine Coffin House, Corydon Capitol,*
21 *Gene Stratton-Porter Historic Site, Indiana State Museum,*
22 *Lanier Mansion, Limberlost, New Harmony, T.C. Steele,*
23 *Vincennes, Whitewater Canal, and Culbertson Mansion;*

24 *Whereas, The Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites*
25 *system acquired the Culbertson Mansion in 1976 and operates*
26 *the site as a historic house museum;*



1 *Whereas, William S. Culbertson commissioned brothers*
2 *William and James Banes to construct a private residence*
3 *located at 914 E. Main Street in New Albany, Indiana;*

4 *Whereas, William and James Banes built the Culbertson*
5 *residence from 1867 to its completion in 1869 at a total cost of*
6 *\$120,000;*

7 *Whereas, William S. Culbertson and his family lived in the*
8 *home from 1869 until his death in 1892 as the richest man in*
9 *Indiana;*

10 *Whereas, The Culbertson Mansion was opened to the public*
11 *as a historic house museum in 1966 and was listed on the*
12 *National Register of Historic Places in 1974;*

13 *Whereas, The Culbertson Mansion has been under continuous*
14 *restoration since 1987, returning the home to its original*
15 *Gilded Age appearance, thereby preserving its historical*
16 *integrity and decorative aesthetic;*

17 *Whereas, The Culbertson Mansion State Historic Site serves*
18 *as a community anchor and heritage asset to the city of New*
19 *Albany and as a vital component to the Indiana State Museum*
20 *and Historic Sites system; and*

21 *Whereas, The Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites*
22 *Corporation and the Culbertson Mansion allow people to*
23 *explore the past so they can better understand the present and*
24 *see how they might shape the future: Therefore,*

25 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives*
26 *of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,*
27 *the Senate concurring:*

28 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly celebrates
29 the 150th anniversary of the Indiana State Museum and Historic
30 Sites Corporation and Culbertson Mansion in New Albany,
31 Indiana.



1 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
2 Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to
3 President and CEO Cathy Ferree, and Southeast Regional
4 Director Jessica Stavros, of the Indiana State Museum and
5 Historic Sites Corporation.

