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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring the 50th
2 anniversary of the Duneland School Corporation.

3 *Whereas, The Duneland School Corporation in Porter*
4 *County, Indiana, is celebrating the 50th anniversary of its*
5 *incorporation on January 1, 1969;*

6 *Whereas, The incorporation came in response to the*
7 *legislation enacted by the Indiana General Assembly in the*
8 *1950s to combine small township schools into larger districts*
9 *to provide students with increased educational opportunities;*

10 *Whereas, Westchester Township benefitted from the success*
11 *of Bethlehem Steel and other industries making it the wealthiest*
12 *township in the county;*

13 *Whereas, A merger was approved in 1968 to join Liberty,*
14 *Jackson, Westchester, and portions of Pine Township;*

15 *Whereas, The consolidation went into effect on January 1,*
16 *1969, but the schools were not consolidated until the fall of*
17 *1969 when Jackson and Liberty Township Trustees William*
18 *Mathe and Dr. E.W. Griffith joined Westchester Township*
19 *School Board members Carlton Schrader, Ralph Bertolacini,*
20 *Edwin Harrington, Faith Halley and Forest Wells, Jr. to make*
21 *up the Duneland School Board;*

22 *Whereas, The Duneland Schools administration in November*
23 *1969 included: Dr. Karl Speckhard, Superintendent; Donald*
24 *Bivens, Assistant Superintendent; Dee Hand, Treasurer; and*
25 *Elizabeth L. Murray, Secretary;*



1 *Whereas, The creation of the Duneland School Corporation*
 2 *had an immediate impact on students and faculty. All high*
 3 *school students were reassigned to Chesterton High School*
 4 *with Liberty Center serving elementary students from the*
 5 *township as well as junior high school students from Jackson*
 6 *and Liberty Townships;*

7 *Whereas, The elementary schools changed to open concept*
 8 *classrooms in the 1960s, replacing the junior high program*
 9 *with a middle school program;*

10 *Whereas, The new Chesterton High School building opened*
 11 *in 2000 at 2125 S. 11th Street. Grades K-8 were reconfigured*
 12 *with elementary schools serving grades K-4 and the two middle*
 13 *schools transitioning to intermediate schools for grades 5-6,*
 14 *and the old Chesterton High School building was remodeled as*
 15 *the new Chesterton Middle School;*

16 *Whereas, The present Duneland School Board members are*
 17 *Brandon Kroft, President; Kristin Kroeger, Vice President;*
 18 *Ronald Stone, Secretary; John Marshall and Alayna Lightfoot*
 19 *Pol, board members; and*

20 *Whereas, The current Duneland School Corporation*
 21 *administrators are Judy Malasto, Interim Superintendent;*
 22 *Monte Moffett, Assistant Superintendent of Operations; and*
 23 *Lynn Kwilasz, Assistant Superintendent of Business and CFO:*
 24 *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 honors the
 29 Duneland School Corporation on the 50th anniversary of its
 30 incorporation.

31 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
 32 Representatives transmit copies of this resolution to Indiana
 33 State Representative Chuck Moseley for distribution.

