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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION recognizing the Bicentennial  
of Petersburg, Indiana.

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1           A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION recognizing the Bicentennial  
2 of Petersburg, Indiana.

3           *Whereas, An act of the Indiana legislature dated*  
4 *February 10, 1817, empowered Pike County commissioners*  
5 *Paul Tislow, James Campbell, and Harrison Blagrove to*  
6 *select the best location for the permanent seat of Pike*  
7 *County. In execution of this order, the commissioners*  
8 *convened on March 1, 1817, and, after due consideration,*  
9 *affixed their signatures to their report. This report legally*  
10 *and officially created the town "Petersburg, II" known today*  
11 *as the city of Petersburg, Indiana, and designated it as the*  
12 *permanent seat of Pike County government;*

13           *Whereas, The new town was surveyed April 3, 1817, and*  
14 *the first public sale of lots was held April 14, 1817. The*  
15 *choice to locate at this site was due to the generous offer of*  
16 *four public spirited men, Peter Brenton, Henry Miley Sr.,*  
17 *Henry Miley Jr., and John Coonrod, and was located about*  
18 *a mile from the White River, at or very near the Buffalo*  
19 *Trace, a point where migrating buffalo traversed the White*  
20 *River. Main Street, 100 feet wide, follows the broad, beaten*  
21 *track of the historic Buffalo Trace, from the northeast to the*  
22 *southwest. The town was named Petersburg in honor of Peter*  
23 *Brenton, the donor of the largest tract, 83 1/2 acres in*  
24 *Section 27. Many ancient Native American trails, villages,*  
25 *and routes were nearby at one time;*

26           *Whereas, The Buffalo Trace would give way to stagecoach*  
27 *routes, highways, and railroads, and the town would thrive.*



1     *From the early 1800s to the early 1900s, it would be known*  
 2     *as a place of commerce and residence and for its numerous*  
 3     *shops, factories, mines, hotels, places of worship, and its*  
 4     *beautifully wide Main Street and tree lined streets;*

5             *Whereas, The town's lifeblood being varied and active,*  
 6     *many fine people have lived in and around the now "City" of*  
 7     *Petersburg as the 20th century came into its own;*

8             *Whereas, The 20th century would continue to see*  
 9     *prosperity and growth in industry and mining, but then came*  
 10    *the hard times of the Great Depression, and seeing young*  
 11    *men sent off to war twice on foreign shores, engaging and*  
 12    *sacrificing in world wars. The 1950s and thereafter saw*  
 13    *social change, technological advances, additional wars, and*  
 14    *the rise of commercial agriculture and great mining*  
 15    *machines; and*

16            *Whereas, Petersburg has seen, at times its declines, but*  
 17    *never in its spirit, even after a devastating tornado and flood*  
 18    *in 1990. The small town, now a city, at the north end of Pike*  
 19    *County, with its rich history and people of goodwill, now*  
 20    *embarks upon its bicentennial celebration: Therefore,*

21                             *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives*  
 22                             *of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,*  
 23   *the Senate concurring:*

24            SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes that  
 25    Petersburg has seen, at times its declines, but never in its spirit, even  
 26    after a devastating tornado and flood in 1990. The small town, now a  
 27    city, at the north end of Pike County, with its rich history and people of  
 28    goodwill, now embarks upon its bicentennial celebration.

29            SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
 30    Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the Mayor of  
 31    Petersburg.

