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**HOUSE  
RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_**

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1           A HOUSE RESOLUTION congratulating Francis Joseph  
2 Reitz High School on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of  
3 its founding.

4           *Whereas, For almost 100 years, Francis Joseph Reitz High*  
5 *School has stood high on a hill on the west side of Evansville*  
6 *overlooking the Ohio River to its south, the downtown*  
7 *riverfront to its east, and wide-open farmlands to its west;*

8           *Whereas, In 1913, the Mothers' Club and the principal at*  
9 *Centennial Elementary School began pressuring the school*  
10 *board to build a new junior high on Evansville's west side;*

11           *Whereas, After four years of petitions and endless meetings,*  
12 *the school board broke ground on a building in an area known*  
13 *as Forest Hills;*

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1       *Whereas, Through the financial support of Francis Joseph*  
 2       *Reitz, a local banker, civic leader, and philanthropist, the*  
 3       *school was able to be constructed;*

4       *Whereas, In recognition of the monetary contributions made*  
 5       *by Mr. Reitz, the public school bears his name, with the*  
 6       *concrete "R" located on the hillside of the Reitz campus acting*  
 7       *as a constant reminder of the man who believed that wealth,*  
 8       *power, and brains should be used to benefit all mankind;*

9       *Whereas, The school welcomed its first students on*  
 10       *September 3, 1918, and has grown into a high school with*  
 11       *thousands of alumni who continue to have an incredibly strong*  
 12       *attachment to their alma mater and who stay invested in its*  
 13       *successes and connected to its support systems beyond their*  
 14       *high school years and, in many cases, all of their lives;*

15       *Whereas, The school's motto, "Reitz High School: Where it's*  
 16       *a pleasure to learn" and the Reitz mantra of "Be AWESome in*  
 17       *attitude, work, and encouragement", are expressions that point*  
 18       *Reitz students, staff, families, and community members toward*  
 19       *lifelong learning and the fostering of positive character traits;*  
 20       *and*

21       *Whereas, As this iconic institution of learning begins its*  
 22       *100th school year, the members of the Indiana House of*  
 23       *Representatives urge all to recognize September 3, 2018, as*  
 24       *Francis Joseph Reitz High School Day commemorating the*  
 25       *century of learning that has unfolded since the school first*  
 26       *opened its doors to the youth of Evansville's west side:*  
 27       *Therefore,*

28               *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the*  
 29               *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

30       SECTION 1. That the members of the Indiana House of  
 31       Representatives congratulate Francis Joseph Reitz High School  
 32       on 100 years of dedicated service to the children of Evansville.

33       SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
 34       Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Principal  
 35       Elizabeth Carnahan.

