

**SENATE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_**

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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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on the occasion of its 150th anniversary in June 2017.

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1           A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION celebrating the Town of  
2 Stendal on the occasion of its 150th anniversary in June 2017.

3           *Whereas, In June 2017, the Town of Stendal will*  
4 *celebrate its 150<sup>th</sup> "sesquicentennial" anniversary;*

5           *Whereas, The people that settled in Stendal, which is*  
6 *located in Lockhart Township in Pike County, were mostly of*  
7 *German descent, having come from Europe because of*  
8 *political, economic, and religious unrest;*

9           *Whereas, Frederick Poetker immigrated to the United*  
10 *States from Germany in 1860, opened a General Store at the*  
11 *age of 23, and three years later laid out the town of Stendal,*  
12 *Indiana;*

13           *Whereas, Stendal was given its name by Pastor William*  
14 *Bauermeister, the first full-time pastor at St. Peter's Lutheran*  
15 *Church. It was named after his birthplace, Stendal, in the*  
16 *German Province of Saxony;*

17           *Whereas, The athletic teams of the former Stendal High*  
18 *were known as the "Purple Aces" and despite the fact that*  
19 *Stendal did not have a gymnasium, the "Gym-less Wonders"*  
20 *won three Pike County tournaments (1927–28, 1928–29 and*  
21 *1929–30) with the star power of Kern McGlothlin. The*  
22 *Purple Aces also won three Indiana High School Athletic*



1     *Association ("IHSAA") sectional titles (1930–31, 1931–32*  
2     *and 1938–39) in boys basketball and they advanced to the*  
3     *finals of the 1938-39 Vincennes regional championship;*

4             *Whereas, The Purple Aces basketball legacy continued*  
5     *in 1985 when Stendal native Kern McGlothlin became the*  
6     *only Stendal player or coach inducted into the Indiana High*  
7     *School Basketball Hall of Fame;*

8             *Whereas, National Basketball Association ("NBA") star*  
9     *Don Buse and former United States Senator Vance Hartke*  
10    *are both from Stendal, Indiana;*

11            *Whereas, The Caldemeyer Mill was built in Stendal*  
12    *during the Civil War. It still stands today as a reminder of*  
13    *the past and once thriving community of Stendal, which was*  
14    *a town of over 30 businesses in its heyday; and*

15            *Whereas, It is fitting that the Indiana General Assembly*  
16    *honors the Town of Stendal on the occasion of its 150<sup>th</sup>*  
17    *anniversary in June 2017: Therefore,*

18                    *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*  
19    *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

20            SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly honors the  
21    Town of Stendal on the occasion of its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in June  
22    2017.

23            SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed  
24    to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Mike Goodpasture,  
25    Aaron Roettger, Greg Steineker, Jolene Caldemeyer, Robbie  
26    Weitkamp, Heath Reller and Kristen Pixley.

