

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



Introduced

First Regular Session 120th General Assembly (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 150th "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 School were known as the "Purple Aces" and despite the fact
19 that Stendal did not have a gymnasium, the "Gym-less
20 Wonders" won three Pike County tournaments (1927-28,
21 1928-29, and 1929-30) with the star power of Kern*

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1 *McGlothlin. The Purple Aces also won three Indiana High
2 School Athletic Association ("IHSAA") sectional titles (1930-
3 31, 1931-32, and 1938-39) in boys basketball and they
4 advanced to the finals of the 1938-39 Vincennes regional
5 championship;*

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

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

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

17 *Whereas, It is fitting that the Indiana General Assembly
18 honors the Town of Stendal on the occasion of its 150th
19 anniversary in June 2017: Therefore,*

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

22 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly honors the
23 Town of Stendal on the occasion of its 150th anniversary in June
24 2017.

25 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
26 to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Mike Goodpaster,
27 Aaron Roettger, Greg Stieneker, Jolene Caldemeyer, William
28 Caldemeyer, John Hemmer, Gary Caldemeyer, Rob Weitkamp,
29 Heath Reller, and Kristen Pixley.

