

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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

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_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



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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*



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.

