

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION congratulating Douglas MacArthur Elementary School on receiving the 2021 National Institute for Excellence in Teaching (NIET) Founder's Award.

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION congratulating Douglas
2 MacArthur Elementary School on receiving the 2021 National
3 Institute for Excellence in Teaching (NIET) Founder's Award.

4 *Whereas, On March 4, 2021, Douglas MacArthur*
5 *Elementary was announced as the 2021 recipient of the NIET*
6 *Founder's Award in recognition of the school's work to develop*
7 *school and teacher leaders, collaborate on successful learning*
8 *strategies, and support both teacher and student needs;*

9 *Whereas, Douglas MacArthur was chosen as the top*
10 *recipient for the Founder's Award after being selected as one*
11 *of four finalists along with Michael Anderson School of*
12 *Avondale, Arizona, North DeSoto High School of Stonewall,*
13 *Louisiana, and Prairie View Elementary School of Goshen,*
14 *Indiana;*

15 *Whereas, NIET has been partnering with schools, districts,*
16 *states, and universities for twenty years and now serves more*
17 *than 9,000 schools and impacts more than 275,000 teachers*
18 *and 2.75 million students;*

19 *Whereas, Perry Township began its partnership with NIET*



1 *in 2010 with two schools, then extended the partnership*
 2 *districtwide to all seventeen schools in 2012, including Douglas*
 3 *MacArthur;*

4 *Whereas, Led by Principal Star Hardimon, Douglas*
 5 *MacArthur has achieved an 'A' state rating through investing*
 6 *in the development of its talented teachers and fostering a*
 7 *learning environment into a collaborative, nurturing place for*
 8 *students to excel;*

9 *Whereas, Students at Douglas MacArthur continue to*
 10 *perform well above state averages, with English language arts*
 11 *scores at 56% and math scores at 65% compared to the state*
 12 *averages of 48% in both subjects;*

13 *Whereas, Douglas MacArthur has seen its English Learner*
 14 *student population grow from 24% to over 50% and recent*
 15 *assessments have shown that more than 55% of the school's*
 16 *English learners are exceeding targets to meet the state's long-*
 17 *term language development goals, compared to a state average*
 18 *of over 30%;*

19 *Whereas, Douglas MacArthur exemplifies NIET's belief*
 20 *that every child deserves an effective educator; and*

21 *Whereas, For its excellence and for winning the 2021 NIET*
 22 *Founder's Award, Douglas MacArthur Elementary is the*
 23 *recipient of a \$50,000 grand prize: Therefore,*

24 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
 25 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

26 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate congratulates Douglas
 27 MacArthur Elementary on winning the 2021 NIET Founder's
 28 Award.

29 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
 30 to transmit copies of this Resolution to Douglas MacArthur



1 Elementary.

