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*Whereas, Born in New Market, Pennsylvania, on February 4, 1814, William S. Culbertson enjoyed a long career in the dry goods business;*

*Whereas, Arriving in New Albany in 1835, William S. Culbertson married Eliza Vance and together they had eight children;*

*Whereas, With the arrival of his younger brother John Craighead Culbertson, the two partnered together and formed Culbertson and Brother, a successful wholesale/retail business which was later known as Culbertson and Son;*

*Whereas, Active in his community, William S. Culbertson served on the city council of New Albany (2nd Ward) and provided for the needy by creating the Culbertson Widows Home and the Cornelia Memorial Orphans Home;*

*Whereas, William S. Culbertson used his material wealth and business connections to advance New Albany's transportation and utility infrastructure, namely with the Kentucky and Indiana Railroad Bridge, the New Albany Gas Light and Coke Company, the New Albany Water Company, and the First National Bank of New Albany;*

*Whereas, William S. Culbertson's personal residence, the*



*Culbertson Mansion, serves as the crown jewel of New Albany's Mansion Row Historic District and opened as a museum in 1966;*

*Whereas, Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Culbertson Mansion became one of Indiana's State Historic Sites in 1976 and stands as a testament to the family's influence during the late 19th century;*

*Whereas, The Culbertson Mansion is an integral part of the Indiana State Museum system and stands as an example of the value the State Museum has in maintaining and preserving the history of our great state;*

*Whereas, For nearly 50 years, visitors to the mansion have learned about Victorian era lifestyles, experienced social and cultural history through interpretation, and witnessed a remarkable restoration of the home's Gilded Age opulence; and*

*Whereas, William S. Culbertson and his spectacular mansion are a large part of the history of Indiana that should be maintained for the generations that are to come: Therefore,*

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

1           SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes the  
2 many contributions made by William S. Culbertson to the State of  
3 Indiana and the nation and to acknowledge the 200th anniversary of his  
4 birth.

5           SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
6 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Jessica Stavros,  
7 site manager of the Culbertson Mansion.

