

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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Montgomery County, Indiana.

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3 *Whereas, On December 21, 1822, the Indiana General*
4 *Assembly admitted Montgomery County as the State's 44th*
5 *county and named it after General Richard Montgomery, who*
6 *fought and died in the Revolutionary War;*

7 *Whereas, Prior to settlement and until as late as 1832, the*
8 *area that would become Montgomery County was initially*
9 *inhabited by Native Americans known as Mound Builders;*

10 *Whereas, After first being settled by William Offield and his*
11 *family in 1821, Montgomery County has been home to a*
12 *number of notable residents to include Henry S. Lane, a*
13 *founding member of the Republican Party; Lew Wallace, Civil*
14 *War General and author of the best-selling novel Ben Hur;*
15 *Mary Holloway Wilhite, the first woman to practice medicine*
16 *in Indiana and proponent for women's equality during the*
17 *suffrage movement; Wilbur De Paris, an African American Jazz*
18 *Musician who toured with Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington,*
19 *and Ella Fitzgerald; and Joseph P. Allen, a U.S. astronaut who*
20 *logged a total of 314 hours in space;*

21 *Whereas, The City of Crawfordsville, the seat of*
22 *Montgomery County, is world-renowned for its variety, size,*
23 *and completeness of crinoid specimens, where a noteworthy 60*
24 *different species of this fossilized creature have been found*
25 *since they were discovered along Indian Creek in 1836;*



1 *Whereas, Crawfordsville is also home to a strange*
 2 *phenomenon, now called the Crawfordsville Monster, described*
 3 *by many of the city's residents as a pure-white, eighteen-foot-*
 4 *long and eight-foot-wide mass with propelling fins and one*
 5 *great flaming eye that moved through the air on the night of*
 6 *September 5, 1891;*

7 *Whereas, Montgomery County is home to several Carnegie*
 8 *libraries, including the first Carnegie library in the State of*
 9 *Indiana, which was built in Crawfordsville in 1901, and stands*
 10 *as a local museum;*

11 *Whereas, Shades State Park, located in the Southwest*
 12 *corner of Montgomery County, was established in 1947 and*
 13 *continues to be a popular hiking and canoeing destination,*
 14 *receiving over 87,000 visitors in 2018-2019;*

15 *Whereas, Montgomery County is considered the "Cradle of*
 16 *Basketball", as it is where the sport was first introduced to*
 17 *Indiana in 1892, the home of the first Indiana High School*
 18 *Athletic Association State Basketball Championship in 1911,*
 19 *and the location for the filming of "Hoosiers" in 1985;*

20 *Whereas, December 21, 2022, will mark the official*
 21 *bicentennial of Montgomery County;*

22 *Whereas, Throughout 2022, Montgomery County will*
 23 *celebrate its bicentennial through special events, history, and*
 24 *community involvement; and*

25 *Whereas, It is fitting that the Montgomery County*
 26 *Bicentennial be recognized: Therefore,*

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

30 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly
 31 recognizes the Bicentennial of Montgomery County, Indiana.

32 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed



1 to transmit copies of this Resolution to John Frey, President of
2 Montgomery County Board of Commissioners, Commissioner
3 Jim Fulwider, Commissioner Dan Guard, and County
4 Administrator Tom Klein.

