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**HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION congratulating Benjamin Banneker Elementary School, Gary, Indiana, on its selection as a Four Star School Award winner.

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Whereas, The Four Star School Award is presented by Dr. Suellen Reed, Superintendent of Public Instruction for the state of Indiana, to schools in recognition of attaining scores in the top twenty-five percent of all Indiana schools in language arts, mathematics, total Indiana Statewide Testing for Educational Progress (ISTEP) battery and attendance during a particular school year;

Whereas, Benjamin Banneker Elementary School fulfilled these requirements for the 16th consecutive year;

Whereas, Despite a school size of about 500 students and class sizes that can total as many as 28 pupils, the ISTEP scores at Banneker Elementary have greatly exceeded state averages for the past six years;

Whereas, The students and teachers of Benjamin Banneker Elementary School have received this honor every year because of their hard work, dedication to improvement, and a strong desire to learn;

Whereas, Students have attributed their school's success to the efforts of the principal, teachers, staff, students, and parents working together in a unified effort to maintain the high level of achievement at their school;

Whereas, Principal Sarah Givens credits the success of



Benjamin Banneker Elementary School to "good leadership skills, smart students, and a great staff"; and

Whereas, Schools such as Benjamin Banneker Elementary School make a strong statement about the quality of Indiana teachers and the high scholastic standards that exist in Hoosier schools: 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 House of Representatives
2 congratulates the students and teachers of Benjamin Banneker
3 Elementary School on its 16th Four Star School Award and on the
4 effort put forth by the students, teachers, and parents in obtaining this
5 award and urges them to continue to strive for excellence in education
6 throughout their lives.

7 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
8 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Sarah Givens,
9 principal of Benjamin Banneker Elementary School.

