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1           A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring the Masonic  
2 Salem Lodge #21 on its bicentennial.

3           *Whereas, The Masonic Salem Lodge #21 was chartered on*  
4 *October 8, 1822, with 13 members;*

5           *Whereas, Salem Lodge #21 was preceded by Melchizedek*  
6 *Lodge #43, which was established in August 1817, under the*  
7 *Grand Lodge of Kentucky;*

8           *Whereas, Salem Lodge #21 boasts a history of illustrious*  
9 *members. Marston G. Clark, a previous Grand Master, was*  
10 *elected to the Indiana House of Representatives in 1820 and*  
11 *1835, and served in the Indiana Senate from 1821-1823 and*  
12 *1826-1829. Dwight L. Smith, a previous Grand Master, held*  
13 *honorary membership in 54 other Indiana lodges during his life*  
14 *and was the esteemed editor of The Indiana Freemason*  
15 *magazine. John Hay Farnham was the first secretary of the*  
16 *Indiana Historical Society and a great advocate of education.*  
17 *Roy Robertson invented 2% milk at Salem Creamery in the*  
18 *1940s to improve the health of children. James Summers and*  
19 *Everett Roberts were early owners and operators of the Salem*  
20 *Speedway;*

21           *Whereas, The original Salem Lodge #21 burned on August 1,*  
22 *1874, and all records were tragically lost. For the last 200*  
23 *years, approximately 173 gentlemen have served as Master and*  
24 *more than 1,000 men have been elected to membership in*  
25 *Salem Lodge #21;*

26           *Whereas, Salem Lodge #21 has supported numerous*



1 *members, Master Masons, and their widows and orphans in*  
2 *their darkest and most vulnerable hours;*

3 *Whereas, Salem Lodge was a crucial factor in minimizing the*  
4 *harm to Salem, Indiana, during John Hunt Morgan's raid*  
5 *through southern Indiana on July 10, 1863. Captain Morgan*  
6 *was a Mason and did not want to damage a Lodge;*

7 *Whereas, Newland Lodge #286 was absorbed by Salem Lodge*  
8 *#21 in 1884, increasing membership and influence; and*

9 *Whereas, The Masonic Salem Lodge #21 has contributed to*  
10 *the history of the State of Indiana and has boasted the*  
11 *membership of many talented and influential Hoosiers during*  
12 *its 200 years: Therefore,*

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

16 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly honors the  
17 Masonic Salem Lodge #21 on its bicentennial.

18 SECTION 2. That the Principle Clerk of the House of  
19 Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to the  
20 office of State Representative J. Davisson.

