

**SENATE CONCURRENT
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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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2 Nelson for being named 2017 Indiana Teacher of the Year.

3 *Whereas, The Indiana Teacher of the Year program, the*
4 *oldest and most prestigious state honors program focusing*
5 *public attention on excellence in teaching, was founded in*
6 *1957;*

7 *Whereas, The Indiana Teacher of the Year is chosen from*
8 *among the current Indiana District Teachers of the Year, who*
9 *compete and submit an Indiana Teacher of the Year Portfolio*
10 *to the Indiana Department of Education's Teacher of the Year*
11 *Coordinator;*

12 *Whereas, Jitka Nelson was named the 2017 Indiana*
13 *Teacher of the Year by a committee of past recipients of the*
14 *award;*

15 *Whereas, Jitka Nelson, an English language arts,*
16 *developmental reading and English learner teacher at*
17 *Logansport Community Schools, has been teaching for 25*
18 *years;*

19 *Whereas, Jitka Nelson, an immigrant from the Czech*
20 *Republic, teaches high school students who are learning*
21 *English as a foreign language, as Jitka Nelson herself did years*
22 *ago;*



1 *Whereas, Jitka Nelson is a graduate of the University of*
2 *Southern Bohemia with a bachelor's degree in pedagogy and a*
3 *dual master's degree in Russian as a foreign language and*
4 *music;*

5 *Whereas, In recognition of her outstanding abilities, Jitka*
6 *Nelson has received numerous awards and recognitions*
7 *throughout her career, including the Crystal Berry Award for*
8 *Logansport District Teacher of the Year, 2016; the Woman of*
9 *Distinction Award from the Alpha Epsilon Chapter of Delta*
10 *Kappa Gamma Society International, 2015; and the Pillar of*
11 *the Logansport Community School Corporation Award, 2014;*
12 *and*

13 *Whereas, Indiana's 2016 Teacher of the Year, Jean*
14 *Russell, describes Jitka Nelson as "a perfect example of the*
15 *best of the best of the educators in Indiana": Therefore,*

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

18 SECTION 1. That, on behalf of the people of Indiana, the
19 Indiana General Assembly congratulates Jitka Nelson on being
20 selected as Indiana's Teacher of the Year for 2017.

21 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
22 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Jitka Nelson and her family,
23 Logansport High School Principal Matt Jones, and State
24 Superintendent of Public Instruction Jennifer McCormick.

