

# STATE OF MICHIGAN



MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 179

Offered by Representative Farnsworth and Senators Byker and Zollar

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION FOR THE CENTENNIAL OF DORR, ALLEGAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, The unincorporated Village of Dorr celebrates its Centennial July 3-5, 1969, dating from its survey and plat September 27, 1869; and

WHEREAS, First a part of the Township of Dorr, created by Act 69 of the Public Acts of 1847 by The Michigan Legislature approved March 16 with effect April 1, the Township's first meeting Monday, April 5 voted to raise \$150 for township expenses, \$250 for roads, \$15 for wolf bounties and \$50 for each child 4 to 18 years of age for school purposes; and

WHEREAS, The first Federal survey in 1826 and the 1831 southern boundary blazing with demarcation into 36 sections lay for nearly ten years before the 1836 opening for land purchases; Indian tribes and wolves receded before the 1845 advent of area settlers. With sawmill, flour mill, blacksmith, hotel and lumbering business established, the pioneers of civilization built a community; and in a quarter of a century Dorr became large enough to stand among governments as a village; and

WHEREAS, Dorr today, with the work of people of vision who keep alive the genuine pioneer spirit of neighborly help, is unique in her gallant efforts to create a community park, not subsidized by citizen assessment but created and maintained by voluntary citizens-in-action and funded only by proceeds obtained annually at Independence Day celebrations. Organizations and individuals bought the parkland, built a baseball diamond and tables, set up facilities for cooking, a water pump, installed electric wiring and act as cleanup crews. This is the Citizens-in-Action community pride and power which created the America now shared by all; this is the pioneer spirit alive today, which gives their youth and their senior citizens, their young adults and their all-community sharers a pleasant, convenient place for church, schools, clubs and family reunions, for Easter Egg Hunts and for all the neighborly life of the diminishing rural community--the backbone of the Nation. It is a project of creative and worthy giving, the helping hand of The Good Neighbor; now therefore be it

RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (the Senate concurring), That the community of Dorr is accorded tribute celebrating its Centennial, whose citizens are proving that the old-time pioneer spirit is re-created ever new to build for their children of each generation that resourcefulness and joy of sharing which is the mainspring of the American way; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this tribute be presented to the Township Supervisor and other Village Fathers and to members of the Centennial Committee, in testimony of the esteem of the The Michigan Legislature.

Adopted by the House June 12, 1969.

Adopted by the Senate June 23, 1969.

*Daryl J. Kenyon*  
Secretary of the Senate

*T. Thos. Thatcher*  
Clerk of the House of Representatives

