



Resolution No. R2007-63

A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Congratulating Collins Elementary School on its Centennial and Proclaiming June 2, 2007, as Collins Elementary School Day in Pierce County, Washington.

Whereas, there were so many children in central Pierce County by the end of the 19th century that land was carved from the Midland, Woodland and Clover Creek school districts to form the Collins School District in 1902; and

Whereas, the fledgling district, which was named for a pioneer family that had settled in the area, got its first school in October 1907 when Collins Elementary began holding classes in the cook's shack of a logging company building, at what is now 42nd Street East; and

Whereas, at first the entire district consisted of the elementary school's one teacher, Mrs. Jessie Vinson, and 40 students from seven grade levels who shared a single room; and

Whereas, in 1908 the school district purchased an acre from the logging company and built a one-room schoolhouse on the current site, at what is now 4608 128th St. E., which was expanded to two rooms in 1910 and three rooms in 1919; and

Whereas, the original portion of the current building was built in 1935, and in 1947 Collins was combined with Parkland, Midland and Central Avenue elementary schools to form the Franklin Pierce School District; and

Whereas, the original building underwent renovations in 1955, 1962, 1965, and 2000; and

Whereas, today's Collins Elementary has 22 classrooms, 42 staff and 387 students; and

Whereas, over the last century the school has become the heart of the North Clover Creek/Collins community and a true gathering place for parents and students alike; **Now, Therefore,**

BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Council of Pierce County:

The Pierce County Council congratulates Collins Elementary School on 100 years of inspiring learning and community spirit in central Pierce County and proclaims June 2, 2007 as Collins Elementary School Day in Pierce County, Washington.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of May, 2007.

PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL
Pierce County, Washington

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