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State Honors 2 Companies With Half-Century Awards

Two Seymour companies with long histories were honored by the State of Indiana during ceremonies at the State Capital in Indianapolis.

Dicksons, Inc. and King Industrial (KINCO) each were awarded Half-Century Awards by Indiana Lt. Governor Kathy Davis during ceremonies on April 27th.

Dicksons started in the basement of a Ferndale, Michigan religious bookstore by Edmund and Lura Dickson. "Better Sunday School and Church Supplies" was opened in 1944, and had become "Gospel Souvenir House" by 1950, although it was soon incorporated as Dicksons, Inc. In 1953, the company moved to its current location at Freeman Field Industrial Park in Seymour, Indiana and began with 12 employees.

In 1972, the company was sold to Paul Curry, and it was incorporated as Curry Industries, although still using Dicksons as trade name. Curry sold the business to Templeton Coal Company of Terre Haute in 1985, and the company reincorporated as Dicksons, Inc.

Today, after several expansions in Seymour, the company employs 174 workers as it celebrates its 51st year in Seymour and offers approximately 10,000 products for the church, home, school or office.

Company President Jim Potts and his wife, Katie, accepted the award in Indianapolis. King Industrial President, Mark King and his wife, Diana, also accepted a half-century award.

Founded in 1951, King Industrial has shown steady growth over the years by manufacturing various dies including line, progressive, draw and several types of transfer dies for the automotive industry throughout the Midwest.

Irvin King started the company in 1951, and today as the company begins its 53rd year in Seymour, his son, Mark, serves as president and general manager. From its humble beginnings, the company has grown to where today it employs 52 workers and is recognized for its customer satisfaction by utilizing the latest technology.

JCIDC nominated both Dicksons and King Industrial for the 50-year awards.

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