

1 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 120

2 BY GIPP

3 (COMPANION TO SCR 114)

4 A Concurrent Resolution honoring the Iowa State Fair in
5 its sesquicentennial year.

6 WHEREAS, the inaugural Iowa State Fair was
7 conducted in Fairfield, Iowa, in 1854, eight years
8 after Iowa became a state; and

9 WHEREAS, the Iowa State Fair is considered
10 America's classic state fair, ranked as one of the top
11 three fairs in North America by the Wall Street
12 Journal, and identified by the New York Times as one
13 of "1,000 Places to See Before You Die"; and

14 WHEREAS, the Iowa State Fair includes the nation's
15 largest food department among all the fairs, the
16 largest art exhibit in this state, and one of the
17 largest livestock exhibitions in the world; and

18 WHEREAS, three motion pictures and a Broadway
19 musical have been based on the Iowa State Fair; and

20 WHEREAS, the Iowa State Fair is an important event
21 for education, recreation, and economic development;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, the Iowa State Fair represents the state's
24 preeminent tourist destination; and

25 WHEREAS, over one million people attend the Iowa
26 State Fair annually; and

27 WHEREAS, the Iowa State Fair has an economic impact
28 of over \$70 million per year and supports
29 approximately 2,700 jobs; and

30 WHEREAS, the Iowa State Fair brings Iowa's people

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1 together in a spirit of cooperation, competition, and
2 camaraderie; and

3 WHEREAS, the Iowa State Fair is an institution that
4 fulfills dreams, captures the imagination, and
5 bolsters the morale in young and old alike; and

6 WHEREAS, the home of the Iowa State Fair, the
7 venerable Iowa State Fairgrounds, is listed on the
8 National Register of Historic Places of the United
9 States Department of the Interior's National Park
10 Service; NOW THEREFORE,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE
12 SENATE CONCURRING, That the General Assembly
13 recognizes and honors the Iowa State Fair's
14 sesquicentennial celebration to be held on August 12
15 through 22, 2004; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That during its
17 sesquicentennial year the General Assembly pay tribute
18 to the efforts, creativity, and tenacity of those who
19 have promoted, preserved, and loved the Iowa State
20 Fair over the past 150 years; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the General Assembly
22 extends its appreciation to the members of the Iowa
23 State Fair Board, the Secretary of the Iowa State Fair
24 Board, and staff who deserve a blue ribbon for their
25 dedication and efforts in ensuring that the Iowa State
26 Fair continues to be a great source of pride for all
27 Iowans; and

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an official copy of
29 this Resolution be prepared and presented to the
30 Secretary of the Iowa State Fair Board.