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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 158

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A Resolution honoring the city of Algona on its
sesquicentennial anniversary year.

WHEREAS, in 1851 the Third General Assembly of the
Iowa Legislature established Kossuth County, named in
honor of Lajos Kossuth; and

WHEREAS, in 1854 brothers Ambrose and Asa Call
first settled the rich farmground of Kossuth County,
near the beautiful Des Moines River; and

WHEREAS, in that year they were among the pioneers
who founded the town of Algona, named in part by Asa's
wife and in part for the Indian words "Algonquin
Waters"; and

WHEREAS, from that beginning Algona has grown into
a governmental, agricultural, and manufacturing center
of 6,000 residents, blending settlers of German,
Norwegian, Irish, and English ancestry into a single
community; and

WHEREAS, in World War II Algona played a major role
in the allied war effort by providing a detention camp
which housed, and provided care and comfort for
thousands of German prisoners of war; and

WHEREAS, even today Algona demonstrates that a good
life can be had in rural Iowa; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
That the House of Representatives recognizes and
extends its congratulations to the city of Algona on
its sesquicentennial anniversary to be celebrated July
10, 2004, and for its prominent place in Iowa history

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1 and its role in Iowa's future.

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