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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 35  
2 BY WILDERDYKE, DRAKE, and BAUDLER  
3 A Resolution honoring Bob and Sheila Everhart for their  
4 efforts to preserve and promote folk, country, and  
5 bluegrass music in the Midwest.

6 WHEREAS, the State of Iowa enjoys an exceptionally  
7 long, proud, and diverse musical heritage with strong  
8 roots in folk, country, and bluegrass music; and

9 WHEREAS, the members of the House of  
10 Representatives welcome with pleasure the opportunity  
11 to applaud the achievements of a remarkable couple who  
12 have truly distinguished themselves in their efforts  
13 to preserve and to promote the time-honored art of  
14 folk, country, and bluegrass music: Bob and Sheila  
15 Everhart of Anita, Iowa; and

16 WHEREAS, this year marks the thirty-first  
17 anniversary of the National Traditional Country Music  
18 Association established by Bob Everhart in 1972 in  
19 order to bring a different type of entertainment and  
20 music to this part of the country; and

21 WHEREAS, through the leadership and determination  
22 of Bob and Sheila Everhart along with the input and  
23 contributions of their many volunteers and helpers,  
24 the Missouri Valley Old Time Country Music Festival  
25 and Contest has enjoyed 28 years of outstanding  
26 success as a program aimed at providing excellent  
27 quality and wholesome family entertainment; and

28 WHEREAS, the Missouri Valley Old Time Country Music  
29 Festival and Contest has had a substantial and highly  
30 positive impact on the entire western Iowa community

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1 while attracting many tourists to the area each year,  
2 and has maintained an enviable reputation for its role  
3 in helping to preserve folk, country, and bluegrass  
4 music, a genuine American art form that originated  
5 with the homesteaders and pioneers who settled Iowa;  
6 and

7       WHEREAS, The First Annual Missouri Valley Old Time  
8 Country Music Festival and Contest will be held August  
9 25-31, 2003, at the Harrison County Fairgrounds, where  
10 top musicians from throughout Iowa, the United States,  
11 and around the world will gather to delight fans of  
12 all ages and backgrounds; and

13       WHEREAS, key events in the upcoming Missouri Valley  
14 Old Time Country Music Festival and Contest will  
15 include a number of instrument workshops and  
16 demonstrations, and many exciting band performances;  
17 NOW THEREFORE,

18       BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
19 That the members of the House of Representatives  
20 hereby join unanimously in commending and applauding  
21 Bob and Sheila Everhart and all those individuals who  
22 have devoted their time, talents, and resources toward  
23 the ongoing success of the Old Time Country Music  
24 Festival and Contest for their admirable efforts which  
25 have helped to make Missouri Valley "The Old-Time  
26 Folk, Country, and Bluegrass Capital of the Midwest"  
27 and which have helped to ensure the continued  
28 enjoyment of folk, country, and bluegrass music by  
29 future generations; and

30       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the

1 House of Representatives prepare a properly inscribed  
2 copy of this Resolution for Bob and Shelia Everhart.

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