

Sub Comm. (L. & H. Co.)
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1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1
2 BY HESTER

3 A Concurrent Resolution to designate Shelby, Iowa, the Purple
4 Martin Capital of Iowa.

5 WHEREAS, many of the residents of Shelby, Iowa,
6 have welcomed migratory purple martins to their
7 properties by building suitable housing for summer
8 nesting and reproduction; and

9 WHEREAS, the City of Shelby has pursued an
10 ecologically safe program of insect abatement by
11 welcoming these birds to the parks and recreation
12 areas of the city; and

13 WHEREAS, the nearby Missouri River Valley and rich
14 farmlands of western Iowa provide an ideal setting for
15 these bird populations, which winter in Brazil and
16 summer as far north as Canada; and

17 WHEREAS, Interstate 80 provides the state's
18 tourists easy access to encounter these nesting birds
19 at picturesque locations; and

20 WHEREAS, Shelby residents have expressed a desire
21 to host all travelers in southwest Iowa who share
22 their love, respect, and appreciation for nature
23 through bird preservation and management; and

24 WHEREAS, the City of Shelby and its residents will
25 seek to annually attract these migratory birds, manage
26 nesting sites, establish and maintain visitor
27 accommodations for viewing the birds in plazas and
28 parks, and provide printed literature about the birds;
29 and

30 WHEREAS, it is accepted practice for a town to be

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1 named as its state's official purple martin capital,
2 as represented by Atmore, Alabama; Mt. Juliet,
3 Tennessee; Parsons, Kansas; Enid, Oklahoma; Longview,
4 Texas; and by the Purple Martin Capital of the Nation,
5 Griggsville, Illinois; and

6 WHEREAS, recent counts indicate that both purple
7 martins and tourists are increasing in number in the
8 area; NOW THEREFORE,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE CONCURRING,
10 That the Iowa General Assembly commend the City of
11 Shelby, Iowa, and its residents for their continuing
12 efforts in conservation and propagation of one of
13 nature's finest and most beneficial birds, the purple
14 martin; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Iowa General
16 Assembly designate Shelby, Iowa, as the official
17 Purple Martin Capital of Iowa.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the
19 Iowa Senate send a copy of this Resolution to the
20 Mayor of the City of Shelby, Iowa, and to Mr. Harry
21 Wright, editor of Nature Society News.

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