

1 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 40
2 BY FALLON, SIEGRIST, BAKER, and GRUNDBERG
3 A Concurrent Resolution designating June 17, 1995, as
4 the day to celebrate the ending of slavery and to
5 recognize the worth and value of all people.
6 WHEREAS, the Emancipation Proclamation of January
7 1, 1863, marked the beginning of the end of slavery in
8 the United States; and
9 WHEREAS, the process of liberation continued in
10 many strongholds of slavery until the end of the Civil
11 War; and
12 WHEREAS, on June 19, 1865, General Granger led
13 Union troops into Galveston, Texas, to end one of the
14 last vestiges of slavery; and
15 WHEREAS, June 19 has come to symbolize the
16 emancipation of the slaves in this country and is
17 known as "Juneteenth"; and
18 WHEREAS, Juneteenth has become an annual holiday
19 where African-Americans, and all Americans, can,
20 through an understanding of the hardships and cruelty
21 imposed by enslaving people, celebrate the ending of
22 slavery in this country and look with hope to the
23 future of an American society that recognizes the
24 worth and value of all people; NOW THEREFORE,
25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE
26 SENATE CONCURRING, That the Iowa General Assembly
27 recognize June 17, 1995, as the day to celebrate
28 Juneteenth in Iowa.
29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all Iowans be urged to
30 participate in the activities planned during the

1 Juneteenth celebration.

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