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1                                   SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 110  
2                                   BY   BLACK AND BOSWELL  
3 A Resolution recognizing June 22, 1996, as Morman Trail  
4    Day, in celebration of the sesquicentennial anniversary  
5    of the Mormon pioneer exodus of 1846.  
6    WHEREAS, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day  
7    Saints was organized in Fayette, New York, in 1830 by  
8    Joseph Smith; and  
9    WHEREAS, the Saints, or Mormons as they became  
10   known, migrated to Missouri in the 1830s, where they  
11   remained until 1839, when religious intolerance drove  
12   them to Commerce, Illinois; and  
13   WHEREAS, the Mormons renamed the city Nauvoo, and  
14   by 1845 their numbers made Nauvoo the 10th largest  
15   city in the United States; and  
16   WHEREAS, Joseph Smith and his brother Hyrum were  
17   jailed in Carthage, Illinois, charged with inciting a  
18   riot and two days later were assassinated by a mob at  
19   the county jail; and  
20   WHEREAS, fearing violence resulting from the  
21   religious intolerance of their neighbors, and facing  
22   divisive forces within their own community, in  
23   February 1846 the Mormons followed Brigham Young in  
24   the largest mass exodus in American history; and  
25   WHEREAS, the trail these pioneers blazed, 1,400  
26   miles from Nauvoo, Illinois, to Salt Lake City, Utah,  
27   running the width of Iowa from near Montrose to  
28   Council Bluffs, the Mormon Pioneer Trail, is now a  
29   National Historic Trail; and  
30   WHEREAS, though the Mormon pioneers experienced

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1 great hardships during their journey, their faith and  
2 determination eventually led 60,000 Mormon pioneers to  
3 create new lives in Utah, significantly expanding the  
4 borders of this country; and

5 WHEREAS, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day  
6 Saints and its members recognize with appreciation and  
7 thankfulness the people of the state of Iowa, who by  
8 their aid and protection exemplified the qualities of  
9 charity and hospitality; NOW THEREFORE,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the citizens of  
11 Iowa are encouraged to recognize and celebrate June  
12 22, 1996, as Mormon Trail Day, and to honor the  
13 courage and sacrifice of the Mormon pioneers in this,  
14 the sesquicentennial year of their migration across  
15 Iowa.

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