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1 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.
2 BY MASCHER, BLODGETT, BRADLEY, CHAPMAN, COHOON,
3 DODERER, DRAKE, FOEGE, FORD, GRUNDBERG, HANSEN,
4 HOLVECK, JENKINS, KREIMAN, LARSON, MARTIN, MILLAGE,
5 MORELAND, MYERS, NELSON, RICHARDSON, WEIGEL, and WISE
6 (COMPANION TO LSB 2425SS BY DVORSKY)
7 A Concurrent Resolution recognizing the 150th anniver-
8 sary of the founding of the University of Iowa.
9 WHEREAS, Article XI, section 8, of the Constitution
10 of the State of Iowa permanently establishes the State
11 University, at Iowa City, in the County of Johnson;
12 and
13 WHEREAS, the Old Capitol located at the University
14 of Iowa housed the fifth legislative Assembly of the
15 Territory of Iowa in 1842 and then became the first
16 capitol of the State of Iowa in 1846; and
17 WHEREAS, the University of Iowa was founded on
18 February 25, 1847, only 59 days after Iowa became a
19 state; and
20 WHEREAS, the University of Iowa has awarded over
21 250,000 degrees since the university awarded the first
22 degree to Dexter Smith in 1858; and
23 WHEREAS, in 1855, the University of Iowa offered
24 admission to men and women on an equal basis; and
25 WHEREAS, in 1868, the University of Iowa School of
26 Law was the first law school in the United States
27 located west of the Mississippi River; and
28 WHEREAS, in 1872, the University of Iowa created
29 the first permanent college-level department of
30 education in the United States; and

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1 WHEREAS, in 1873, a University of Iowa student,
2 Mary Hickey Wilkinson, received a law degree from the
3 University of Iowa School of Law, becoming the first
4 woman in the United States to earn a law degree; and

5 WHEREAS, in 1879, a University of Iowa student,
6 Alexander Clark, Jr., received a law degree from the
7 University of Iowa School of Law, becoming one of the
8 first African-Americans in the United States to earn a
9 law degree; and

10 WHEREAS, in 1882, the University of Iowa Dental
11 Department was the first dental department in the
12 United States located west of the Mississippi River;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, in 1901, students at the University of
15 Iowa began publishing the first daily campus newspaper
16 west of the Mississippi River; and

17 WHEREAS, since 1905, 17 students from the
18 University of Iowa have been named Rhodes Scholars;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, in 1919, the University of Iowa
21 established a separate department of neurology, which
22 is the oldest continuing program west of the
23 Mississippi River; and

24 WHEREAS, in 1927, the University of Iowa became the
25 first state university to establish a School of
26 Religion; and

27 WHEREAS, in 1934, artist Grant Wood joined the
28 faculty of the Department of Graphic and Plastic Arts,
29 four years after painting "American Gothic"; and

30 WHEREAS, in 1936, the Writers' Workshop was

1 established as the first university-sponsored program
2 in creative writing in the United States, and boasts
3 such graduates as Flannery O'Connor, Gail Godwin, John
4 Irving, and Mona Van Duyn; and

5 WHEREAS, in 1938, the University of Iowa
6 established the first hospital pharmacy graduate
7 program in the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, in 1939, a University of Iowa student,
9 Nile C. Kinnick, was awarded the Heisman Trophy in
10 recognition of his achievements as a football player
11 for the University of Iowa football team; and

12 WHEREAS, since 1939, University of Iowa graduates
13 have earned 13 Pulitzer Prizes; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1948, the University of Iowa School of
15 Journalism awarded the first degree in mass
16 communication in the United States; and

17 WHEREAS, in 1955, the University of Iowa
18 established the first institute of agricultural
19 medicine and environmental health in the western
20 hemisphere; and

21 WHEREAS, in 1958, University of Iowa physics
22 professor James A. Van Allen discovered belts of
23 radiation surrounding the earth, a phenomenon that
24 eventually would be named the Van Allen Belts; and

25 WHEREAS, generations of students educated at the
26 University of Iowa have made tremendous contributions
27 to the betterment of the state, the country, and the
28 world; and

29 WHEREAS, the University of Iowa has distinguished
30 itself nationally and internationally in many academic

1 fields and endeavors; and

2 WHEREAS, facing a new century, the University of
3 Iowa has made a renewed commitment to its core values
4 of learning, community, responsibility, integrity, and
5 quality; and

6 WHEREAS, the people of Iowa are invited to
7 celebrate the University of Iowa's Sesquicentennial
8 Year, marking 150 years of teaching, research, and
9 service to the State of Iowa and to the nation; NOW
10 THEREFORE,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE
12 SENATE CONCURRING, That the Iowa General Assembly
13 recognizes and congratulates the University of Iowa
14 for 150 continuous years of providing exemplary
15 education for its students and providing positive
16 contributions to the quality of life of all Iowans,
17 and encourages the University of Iowa to continue to
18 fulfill the threefold mission of teaching, research,
19 and service.

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