

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 132

BY PAULSEN

A Resolution honoring the town of Palo and its surrounding community on the town's sesquicentennial year.

WHEREAS, Palo is a small Eastern Iowa town first settled by Mr. John Hollenbeck when Iowa was still a territory, and later by Mr. John G. Cole who on June 10, 1854, had the site of the present town surveyed on the northeast quarter of section 29, of Fayette Township 84 north, range 8; and

WHEREAS, Palo and its surrounding community is the site of a number of businesses and homes, with a thriving religious congregation and a religious tradition which traces its origins to the town's founders and to a church erected in 1870, which continues to stand as a reminder of the town's history; and

WHEREAS, the most prominent landmark of Palo and its surrounding community is the Duane Arnold Energy Center, which became operational in 1974, produces approximately 13 percent of the state's electricity, and employs more than 500 hardworking and well-trained people, many of whom live in or near the Palo community; and

WHEREAS, another significant feature of Palo and its surrounding community is the 410-acre lake at Pleasant Creek State Recreation Area and 1,517 acres of land around the lake which provides wide-ranging recreational opportunities for outdoor enthusiasts including ice fishing, scuba diving, swimming,

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1 camping, picnicking, hiking, horseback riding,
2 hunting, bird-watching, snowmobile riding, and cross-
3 country skiing; and

4 WHEREAS, on June 12, 2004, Palo and its surrounding
5 community will celebrate the 150th anniversary of the
6 town's founding, featuring a variety of entertainment
7 including a parade, garden tractor pull, dance, and
8 fireworks; NOW THEREFORE,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
10 That the House of Representatives recognizes and
11 extends its congratulations to the town of Palo and
12 its surrounding community on the town's
13 sesquicentennial anniversary year and for its 150
14 years of service to its citizens and to the State of
15 Iowa; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an official copy of
17 this Resolution be prepared and presented to Mayor
18 Larry Dauenbaugh, Mr. John Huntington, and Ms. Ruth
19 Kibbie, citizens of the town of Palo and its
20 surrounding community.

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