

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 148

2 BY PAULSEN

3 A Resolution honoring the town of Center Point and its
4 surrounding community on the town's sesquicentennial
5 year.

6 WHEREAS, in 1839 Mr. Bartimeus McGonigle, who was
7 followed by others, founded a settlement near the
8 Cedar River that projected into the Eastern Iowa
9 prairie and was known as McGonigle's Point; and

10 WHEREAS, in 1854 a village plat was surveyed and
11 the name of the village was changed to Center Point in
12 recognition of the fact that it was the halfway stop
13 on a stagecoach route that extended from the city of
14 Marion to the towns of Quasqueton and Independence;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Center Point grew into a thriving town,
17 becoming the site of a number of homes and businesses,
18 a thriving religious congregation, and a prosperous
19 farming community, with a historical heritage
20 preserved in the photographs of Mr. James Fairbanks;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, the citizens of Center Point treasure its
23 past, including main street buildings dating from the
24 1870s, which stand as a reminder of the town's
25 history, and also look forward to a promising future
26 with the construction of new houses and schools; and

27 WHEREAS, this tradition of preserving the past
28 while moving confidently forward is reflected in the
29 old site of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids and Northern
30 Railroad, the conversion of its depot into a

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1 historical museum, and the establishment of the Cedar
2 Valley Nature Trail on its former rail bed, which
3 extends through Center Point and its surrounding
4 community including forested bottomlands, and rolling
5 farmlands; and

6 WHEREAS, on July 8 through 11, 2004, Center Point
7 and its surrounding community will celebrate the 150th
8 anniversary of the town's founding, in conjunction
9 with its Pork Days Celebration and the All School
10 Reunion with a number of events, including a concert,
11 talent show, parade, spelling bee, reenactment of the
12 pageant given 50 years ago, and the largest fireworks
13 display in Center Point history; NOW THEREFORE,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
15 That the House of Representatives recognizes and
16 extends its congratulations to the town of Center
17 Point and its surrounding community on the town's
18 sesquicentennial anniversary year and for its 150
19 years of service to its citizens and to the State of
20 Iowa; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an official copy of
22 this Resolution be prepared and presented to Mayor
23 Paula Freeman-Brown and Ms. Teresa Scheeler.

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