

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 161

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A Resolution honoring the town of Shellsburg and its surrounding community on the town's sesquicentennial anniversary.

WHEREAS, the town of Shellsburg was surveyed on June 16, 1854, the third town to be surveyed in Benton County, with the original plat containing 24 lots and two streets, Main and Pearl; and

WHEREAS, the town was purportedly named for John Sells, a pioneer of Canton Township, with the town folks preferring the name Shellsburg, or alternatively was named after Schellsburg, Pennsylvania, by another early resident, Jacob Cantonwine; and

WHEREAS, the town of Shellsburg will celebrate the sesquicentennial anniversary of its founding this summer, having served during its first 150 years as the center of commercial and social life for its town population and thriving farming community, providing essential police, fire, first response, utility, educational, religious, recreational, commercial, and government services; and

WHEREAS, Shellsburg and its surrounding community boast several new housing developments; numerous businesses, including a prosperous grocery store and a grain elevator; a physician's office, health care center, and heliport; and five churches in and around the town; and

WHEREAS, one of the most recent and largest community development projects completed in Shellsburg

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1 is the Wildcat Golf Course and Clubhouse which
2 includes an 18-hole golf course and a clubhouse
3 hosting evening buffets and wedding receptions for
4 area residents; and

5 WHEREAS, the Shellsburg school system is now part
6 of the Vinton-Shellsburg Community School District,
7 still housing in Shellsburg all of the district's
8 fifth graders as well as the kindergarten through
9 fourth-grade Shellsburg students in the Shellsburg
10 Elementary Building; and

11 WHEREAS, on July 16-18, 2004, Shellsburg will
12 celebrate its sesquicentennial anniversary with
13 musical entertainment; a parade and antique tractor
14 pull; bingo; beard, costume, and fire department water
15 ball contests; food concessions; a dance; and special
16 fireworks; NOW THEREFORE,

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

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an official copy of
25 this Resolution be prepared and presented to Mayor Tom
26 Busenbark, Ms. Karolynn Roehr, and the citizens of
27 Shellsburg and its surrounding community.

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