

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 38

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(COMPANION TO LSB 3181SS BY RAGAN)

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4 A Resolution honoring the City of Mason City on its  
5 sesquicentennial year.

6 WHEREAS, the City of Mason City, first settled in  
7 1853, is celebrating its 150th anniversary; and

8 WHEREAS, Mason City is the hometown of Meredith  
9 Willson, composer of the Broadway musical "The Music  
10 Man", and of his older sister Dixie Willson, writer  
11 and poet, and is the home of the Music Man Square  
12 exhibiting a replica of the motion picture set,  
13 museum, theatrical props and costumes, and other  
14 Willson memorabilia; and

15 WHEREAS, Mason City is the home to one of the most  
16 famous Prairie School residential developments  
17 featuring three Frank Lloyd Wright structures  
18 including the Park Inn Hotel, the last remaining hotel  
19 designed by Frank Lloyd Wright in the world; and

20 WHEREAS, Mason City is the home of the Charles H.  
21 MacNider Art Museum which holds one of the finest  
22 American Art collections in the country, and the Mason  
23 City Public Library, one of the most beautiful  
24 libraries in the country, and is the hometown of Bil  
25 Baird, the master puppeteer; and

26 WHEREAS, Mason City is the birthplace of Hanford  
27 MacNider, a businessman and philanthropist who served  
28 as assistant secretary of war, minister to Canada, and  
29 is Iowa's most decorated soldier; and

30 WHEREAS, for almost 100 years, Mason City has been

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1 a regional center for the production of cement,  
2 employing local workers in a variety of locally,  
3 nationally, and internationally owned businesses; and

4 WHEREAS, Mason City continues to contribute to the  
5 culture, well-being, and prosperity of Iowa, the  
6 nation, and the world; NOW THEREFORE,

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
8 That the House of Representatives recognizes and  
9 extends its congratulations to the City of Mason City  
10 on its sesquicentennial anniversary year and for its  
11 150 years of service to its citizens and to the State  
12 of Iowa; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon adoption, an  
14 official copy of this Resolution be prepared and  
15 presented to the Honorable Jean Marinos, Mayor of  
16 Mason City.

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