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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 47

BY SCHICKEL

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

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

WHEREAS, Mason City is the hometown of Meredith
Willson, composer of the Broadway musical "The Music
Man", and of his older sister Dixie Willson, writer
and poet, is the home of the Music Man Square, and is
the host of the annual North Iowa Band Festival; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, for almost 100 years, Mason City has been
a regional center for the production of cement,
employing local workers in a variety of locally,
nationally, and internationally owned businesses; and

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1 WHEREAS, Mason City continues to contribute to the
2 culture, well-being, and prosperity of Iowa, the
3 nation, and the world; NOW THEREFORE,

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

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

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