

1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14

2 BY PUTNEY

3 A Concurrent Resolution honoring the Iowa State Fair in
4 its sesquicentennial year.

5 WHEREAS, the inaugural Iowa State Fair was
6 conducted in Fairfield, Iowa, in 1854, eight years
7 after Iowa became a state; and

8 WHEREAS, the Iowa State Fair is considered
9 America's classic state fair, ranked as one of the top
10 three fairs in North America by the Wall Street
11 Journal, and identified by the New York Times as one
12 of "1,000 Places to See Before You Die"; and

13 WHEREAS, the Iowa State Fair includes the nation's
14 largest food department among all the fairs, the
15 largest art exhibit in this state, and one of the
16 largest livestock exhibitions in the world; and

17 WHEREAS, three motion pictures and a Broadway
18 musical have been based on the Iowa State Fair; and

19 WHEREAS, the Iowa State Fair is an important event
20 for education, recreation, and economic development;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, the Iowa State Fair represents the state's
23 preeminent tourist destination; and

24 WHEREAS, over one million people attend the Iowa
25 State Fair annually; and

26 WHEREAS, the Iowa State Fair has an economic impact
27 of over \$70 million per year and supports
28 approximately 2,700 jobs; and

29 WHEREAS, the Iowa State Fair brings Iowa's people
30 together in a spirit of cooperation, competition, and

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1 camaraderie; and

2 WHEREAS, the Iowa State Fair is an institution that
3 fulfills dreams, captures the imagination, and
4 bolsters the morale in young and old alike; and

5 WHEREAS, the home of the Iowa State Fair, the
6 venerable Iowa State Fairgrounds, is listed on the
7 National Register of Historic Places of the United
8 States Department of the Interior's National Park
9 Service; NOW THEREFORE,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF
11 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the General Assembly
12 recognizes and honors the Iowa State Fair's
13 sesquicentennial celebration to be held on August 12
14 through 22, 2004; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That during its
16 sesquicentennial year the General Assembly pay tribute
17 to the efforts, creativity, and tenacity of those who
18 have promoted, preserved, and loved the Iowa State
19 Fair over the past 150 years; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the General Assembly
21 extends its appreciation to the members of the Iowa
22 State Fair Board, the Secretary of the Iowa State Fair
23 Board, and staff who deserve a blue ribbon for their
24 dedication and efforts in ensuring that the Iowa State
25 Fair continues to be a great source of pride for all
26 Iowans; and

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an official copy of
28 this Resolution be prepared and presented to the
29 Secretary of the Iowa State Fair Board.

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