

1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 141

2 BY LUNDBY

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;  
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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 SENATE, That the Senate  
15 recognizes and extends its congratulations to the town  
16 of Center Point and its surrounding community on the  
17 town's sesquicentennial anniversary year and for its  
18 150 years of service to its citizens and to the State  
19 of Iowa; and

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

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