

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 150

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1 A Resolution honoring the city of Alden on its
2 sesquicentennial anniversary year.

3 WHEREAS, the city of Alden, first settled in 1854
4 and platted in 1855, is celebrating its 150th
5 anniversary; and

6 WHEREAS, Henry Alden, a direct descendent of John
7 and Priscilla Alden who crossed the Atlantic Ocean on
8 the Mayflower, and Sumner Kemp heard glowing reports
9 of a vast, beautiful, rich, but unsettled land west of
10 the Mississippi River; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1854, Henry Alden purchased 120 acres
12 of land for \$125 to build a saw mill, and in 1855,
13 Sumner Kemp, along with Ira Plummer, walked to Fort
14 Des Moines and under the Homestead Act entered 120
15 acres for himself and 80 acres for Henry Alden on
16 which the original plat for the city of Alden was
17 located; and

18 WHEREAS, the first schoolhouse was built in Alden
19 in 1856, and a grist mill was built in 1858, although
20 the town of Alden was not incorporated until 1879; and

21 WHEREAS, in 1884, the Chicago, Iowa, and Dakota
22 Railroad, now the Chicago Northwestern Railroad, was
23 completed to Alden from Eldora, allowing perishable
24 products to be brought to the area in refrigerator
25 cars, instituting a time of change and advancement,
26 and bringing new businesses such as a creamery; a
27 wagon works; a manufacturer of dirt loading equipment,
28 manure spreaders, excavators, and road builders; Hale

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1 Roberts Stone Co., now I.L.C. Resources; ice houses;
2 several hotels; a grain elevator; and a lumberyard;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, by 1880, the city of Alden had four
5 churches and established a post office; NOW THEREFORE,

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate
7 recognizes and extends its congratulations to the city
8 of Alden on the city's sesquicentennial year and for
9 its 150 years of service to its citizens and to the
10 State of Iowa.

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