

1                   SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 159  
2                                   BY PUTNEY  
3 A Resolution honoring the town of Shellsburg and its  
4     surrounding community on the town's sesquicentennial  
5     anniversary.  
6     WHEREAS, the town of Shellsburg was surveyed on  
7     June 16, 1854, the third town to be surveyed in Benton  
8     County, with the original plat containing 24 lots and  
9     two streets, Main and Pearl; and  
10    WHEREAS, the town was purportedly named for John  
11    Sells, a pioneer of Canton Township, with the town  
12    folks preferring the name Shellsburg, or alternatively  
13    was named after Schellsburg, Pennsylvania, by another  
14    early resident, Jacob Cantonwine; and  
15    WHEREAS, the town of Shellsburg will celebrate the  
16    sesquicentennial anniversary of its founding this  
17    summer, having served during its first 150 years as  
18    the center of commercial and social life for its town  
19    population and thriving farming community, providing  
20    essential police, fire, first response, utility,  
21    educational, religious, recreational, commercial, and  
22    government services; and  
23    WHEREAS, Shellsburg and its surrounding community  
24    boast several new housing developments; numerous  
25    businesses, including a prosperous grocery store and a  
26    grain elevator; a physician's office, health care  
27    center, and heliport; and five churches in and around  
28    the town; and  
29    WHEREAS, one of the most recent and largest  
30    community development projects completed in Shellsburg

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1 is the Wildcat Golf Course and Clubhouse which  
2 includes an 18-hole golf course and a clubhouse  
3 hosting evening buffets and wedding receptions for  
4 area residents; and

5 WHEREAS, the Shellsburg school system is now part  
6 of the Vinton-Shellsburg Community School District,  
7 still housing in Shellsburg all of the district's  
8 fifth graders as well as the kindergarten through  
9 fourth-grade Shellsburg students in the Shellsburg  
10 Elementary Building; and

11 WHEREAS, on July 16-18, 2004, Shellsburg will  
12 celebrate its sesquicentennial anniversary with  
13 musical entertainment; a parade and antique tractor  
14 pull; bingo; beard, costume, and fire department water  
15 ball contests; food concessions; a dance; and special  
16 fireworks; NOW THEREFORE,

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate  
18 recognizes and extends its congratulations to the town  
19 of Shellsburg and its surrounding community on the  
20 town's sesquicentennial anniversary year and for its  
21 150 years of service to its citizens and to the State  
22 of Iowa; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an official copy of  
24 this Resolution be prepared and presented to Mayor Tom  
25 Busenbark, Ms. Karolynn Roehr, and the citizens of  
26 Shellsburg and its surrounding community.

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