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1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 26.

2 BY RAGAN

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

5 WHEREAS, the City of Mason City, first settled in
6 1853, is celebrating its 150th anniversary; and

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

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

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

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

27 WHEREAS, for almost 100 years, Mason City has been
28 a regional center for the production of cement,
29 employing local workers in a variety of locally,
30 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 SENATE, That the Senate
5 recognizes and extends its congratulations to the City
6 of Mason City on its sesquicentennial anniversary year
7 and for its 150 years of service to its citizens and
8 to the State of Iowa; and

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

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