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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 33

BY RAGAN

A Resolution honoring the city of St. Ansgar and the First Lutheran Church on their sesquicentennial year.

WHEREAS, the city of St. Ansgar, founded in 1853 by Reverend Claus L. Clausen, a Danish minister, is celebrating its 150th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, St. Ansgar is the home of the First Lutheran Church which was also founded by Reverend Claus L. Clausen and is celebrating its 150th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, the First Lutheran Church is the oldest Norwegian Lutheran church west of the Mississippi River that has been in continuous use, and is on the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, St. Ansgar, which means "God's spear", was named by Reverend Clausen for a French missionary who took Christianity to the Scandinavian countries and is the only known city with that name in the world; and

WHEREAS, the city of St. Ansgar is known as "The Garden Spot of Iowa"; and

WHEREAS, St. Ansgar is a proud community with many modern services and accomplishments in industry, medical care, recreation, retirement, education, churches, fire protection, and merchandising; and

WHEREAS, St. Ansgar and the First Lutheran Church are proud of their heritage and will be celebrating their 150th anniversary June 21-22, 2003; NOW

THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate

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RULES & ADMINISTRATION

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1 recognizes and extends its congratulations to the city
2 of St. Ansgar on its sesquicentennial anniversary year
3 and for its 150 years of service to its citizens and
4 to the State of Iowa; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate extends its
6 congratulations to the First Lutheran Church for its
7 150 years of service; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an official copy of
9 this Resolution be prepared and presented to the
10 Honorable Marion Neeley, Mayor of the city of St.
11 Ansgar, and to Mr. Richard Sherman, chairman of the
12 congregation of the First Lutheran Church.

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