

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 166

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3 OLDSON, PETERSEN, R. OLSON, HUNTER, McCARTHY, and  
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5 A Resolution congratulating the Iowa communities named among  
6 the 100 Best Communities for Young People.

7 WHEREAS, Black Hawk County and the cities of Des  
8 Moines and Lamoni have been named by America's  
9 Promise--The Alliance for Youth as winning communities  
10 in a first ever national competition to identify 100  
11 Best Communities for Young People; and

12 WHEREAS, Black Hawk County and the cities of Des  
13 Moines and Lamoni are being celebrated for their  
14 commitment to provide safe, healthy, and caring  
15 environments for young people; and

16 WHEREAS, these Iowa communities were among the  
17 winners chosen by a distinguished selection panel of  
18 civic, business, and nonprofit leaders including  
19 United Way of America president Brian Gallagher,  
20 United States Chamber of Commerce president Tom  
21 Donohue, NBC Washington Bureau chief and moderator of  
22 Meet the Press Tim Russert, former United States  
23 Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala,  
24 baseball great Cal Ripken, Jr., and former Denver  
25 mayor Wellington Webb; and

26 WHEREAS, Black Hawk County is being recognized, in  
27 part, for the innovative programs benefiting its young  
28 people, including the local Kids Cafe that provides  
29 after school tutoring, a healthy meal, and mentoring  
30 to local children, the Trolley Kids program that

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1 provides transportation for children to safe  
2 activities during the summer, and the Family and  
3 Children's Council's What's Where in Parenting  
4 resource directory of activities and services  
5 available for youth in the community; and

6 WHEREAS, the city of Des Moines is being  
7 recognized, in part, because of its youth programs  
8 including the Youth Advisory Board, an appointed  
9 policy-making body of fifteen youths and seven adults,  
10 and the United Way's Emerging Leaders Initiative that  
11 is working to create lasting change in community  
12 conditions affecting youth; and

13 WHEREAS, the city of Lamoni is being recognized, in  
14 part, for its programs that focus on the community's  
15 "small town, rural work ethic" to ensure that youth  
16 learn responsibility, teamwork, and leadership skills,  
17 including the Across Ages mentoring program matching  
18 at-risk middle school youth with senior adults in the  
19 community; and

20 WHEREAS, the citizens of Iowa are justly proud that  
21 Black Hawk County and the cities of Des Moines and  
22 Lamoni are communities awarded recognition for their  
23 commitment to safe, healthy, and caring environments  
24 for young people; NOW THEREFORE,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
26 That Black Hawk County and the cities of Des Moines  
27 and Lamoni are congratulated for their communities'  
28 commitment to young people; and

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon passage,  
30 enrolled copies of this Resolution be sent to

1 representatives of Black Hawk County and the cities of  
2 Des Moines and Lamoni.

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