

# House Resolution 141 - Introduced

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1 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_  
1 2 BY HOFFMAN and ROBERTS  
1 3 A Resolution to recognize the 2008 annual Donna Reed  
1 4 Festival for the Performing Arts.  
1 5 WHEREAS, Donna Belle Mullenger was born on January  
1 6 27, 1921, in Denison, Iowa; and  
1 7 WHEREAS, still a teenager, she left Iowa to attend  
1 8 Los Angeles City College, where she was named campus  
1 9 queen, and her striking beauty drew the attention of  
1 10 Hollywood producers; and  
1 11 WHEREAS, taking the stage name of Donna Reed, she  
1 12 rose to stardom in the 1946 classic "It's a Wonderful  
1 13 Life" and the 1953 "From Here to Eternity", for which  
1 14 she won the Oscar in 1954; and  
1 15 WHEREAS, turning to the medium of television in  
1 16 1958, Donna Reed won the hearts of millions of viewers;  
1 17 as the quintessential TV mom in the "Donna Reed Show";  
1 18 and  
1 19 WHEREAS, the year 2008 marks the 50th anniversary  
1 20 of this popular 1950s TV show about a close family,  
1 21 starring Donna Reed as a loving mother and homemaker;  
1 22 and  
1 23 WHEREAS, as a result of her outstanding performance  
1 24 on that show, Donna Reed was nominated four times for  
1 25 an Emmy award, and in 1963 received the Golden Globe  
1 26 award for best female television star; and  
1 27 WHEREAS, Donna Reed always remained an Iowan, often  
1 28 returning home to visit family and friends and to  
1 29 support local community projects; and  
1 30 WHEREAS, with her passing in 1986, friends and  
2 1 family created the Donna Reed Foundation for the  
2 2 Performing Arts, which awards scholarships to young  
2 3 people studying the arts; and  
2 4 WHEREAS, to honor her life, work, and memory the  
2 5 Donna Reed Festival for the Performing Arts began in  
2 6 1987, featuring student workshops by industry  
2 7 professionals and a scholarship program centered in  
2 8 Denison, Iowa; NOW THEREFORE,  
2 9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
2 10 That the House of Representatives recognizes the 2008  
2 11 annual Donna Reed Festival for the Performing Arts,  
2 12 held June 16 through 21, 2008, in Denison, and invites  
2 13 all Iowans to make a visit to this annual event part  
2 14 of their summer vacation plans.  
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