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1 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_  
1 2 BY TYMESON and SMITH  
1 3 A Resolution honoring the memory of John Wayne on the  
1 4 100th anniversary of his birth.  
1 5 WHEREAS, Marion Robert Morrison was born May 26,  
1 6 1907, in Winterset, Iowa; and  
1 7 WHEREAS, while a student at the University of  
1 8 Southern California, cowboy actor Tom Mix got young  
1 9 Marion a summer job as a prop man at a film studio,  
1 10 where he began acting in a few bit parts under the  
1 11 name "John Wayne"; and  
1 12 WHEREAS, over the next 50 years John Wayne became a  
1 13 cinematic legend, starring in 152 movies; and  
1 14 WHEREAS, more than a movie star, John Wayne  
1 15 typified the best in American character, a quiet man  
1 16 of strength, without guile, greed, or bluster; and  
1 17 WHEREAS, John Wayne can best be summed up in the  
1 18 words of former President Jimmy Carter, who said: "In  
1 19 an age of few heroes, he was the genuine article.";  
1 20 and  
1 21 WHEREAS, in 1979, in recognition of his  
1 22 "distinguished career as an actor and his service to  
1 23 the nation", John Wayne was awarded the Congressional  
1 24 Gold Medal, joining such luminaries as George  
1 25 Washington, Charles Lindbergh, and Jonas Salk; and  
1 26 WHEREAS, the legacy of John Wayne remains, through  
1 27 the good works of the John Wayne Cancer Foundation and  
1 28 Cancer Institute; and  
1 29 WHEREAS, the city of Winterset, Iowa, will hold a  
1 30 gala centennial May 25 through May 27, 2007; NOW  
2 1 THEREFORE,  
2 2 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
2 3 That the House of Representatives honors the memory of  
2 4 this great American and encourages all Iowans to  
2 5 participate in the Winterset celebrations.  
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