

House Resolution 59 - Introduced

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 59

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1 A Resolution honoring the Main Street Iowa Program on
2 its 25th anniversary.

3 WHEREAS, the Main Street Four Point Approach was
4 conceived in 1977 by the National Trust for Historic
5 Preservation in Washington, D.C., and in 1985, the
6 Iowa General Assembly adopted the National Main
7 Street Center's approach to downtown revitalization
8 by approving the establishment of the Main Street
9 Iowa Program within the Iowa Department of Economic
10 Development; and

11 WHEREAS, 63 cities have participated since
12 1986, 47 Iowa Main Street communities are currently
13 participating, and there are 45 active Main Street
14 programs in Iowa; and

15 WHEREAS, on April 1, 2011, the Main Street Iowa
16 Program celebrated its 25th anniversary at the Annual
17 Main Street Awards ceremony, and recognized outstanding
18 volunteers and the "45 Best of the Best from 1986-2011"
19 in design, organization, promotion, and economic
20 restructuring; and

21 WHEREAS, Iowa hosted the National Trust for Historic
22 Preservation National Main Streets Conference held in
23 Des Moines from May 22-25, 2011, and Main Street Iowa
24 acted as a key conference coordinating partner; and

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1 WHEREAS, in its 25-year history, Main Street Iowa
2 has tracked more than \$1 billion in private investment
3 in the purchase, construction, and rehabilitation
4 of downtown property in participating commercial
5 districts, significantly increasing the state's job and
6 business base; NOW THEREFORE,

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
8 That the House of Representatives congratulates the
9 Main Street Iowa Program as it celebrates its 25th
10 anniversary and thanks those who have worked nearly
11 two million volunteer hours to make this program a
12 resounding success.