

Senate Resolution 13 - Introduced

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 13

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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, currently, there are 45 active Main
14 Street communities 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 Iowa's
18 outstanding volunteers and the "45 Best of the Best
19 from 1986-2011" in design, organization, promotion, and
20 economic restructuring; and

21 WHEREAS, Iowa hosted the National Trust for Historic

1 Preservation National Main Streets Conference held in
2 Des Moines from May 22-25, 2011, and Main Street Iowa
3 acted as a key conference coordinating partner; and
4 WHEREAS, in its 25-year history, Main Street Iowa
5 has tracked more than \$1 billion in private investment
6 in the purchase, construction, and rehabilitation
7 of downtown property in participating commercial
8 districts, significantly increasing the state's job and
9 business base; NOW THEREFORE,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate
11 congratulates the Main Street Iowa Program as it
12 celebrates its 25th anniversary and thanks those who
13 have worked nearly two million volunteer hours to make
14 this program a resounding success.