

House Resolution 116 - Introduced

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 116

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1 A Resolution honoring the sesquicentennial anniversary
2 of the city of Ames.

3 WHEREAS, 2014 is the 150th anniversary of the
4 platting and recording of the first 12 blocks of the
5 city of Ames; and

6 WHEREAS, from its humble beginnings on December
7 17, 1864, the city of Ames has changed and grown and
8 prospered; and

9 WHEREAS, the city of Ames provides its residents
10 with quality of life amenities second to none; and

11 WHEREAS, the city of Ames has received numerous
12 national awards and recognitions including being ranked
13 the United States city with the 3rd lowest unemployment
14 rate by Forbes in 2014, 32nd in the "Top 100 Most
15 Livable Cities in America" by Livability.com in 2014,
16 15th nationally in the "Best Small Places for Business
17 and Careers" by Forbes in 2013, and one of the top 25
18 Best Places to Retire in 2013 by Forbes.com; and

19 WHEREAS, Ames High School is ranked 3rd within Iowa
20 by U.S. News & World Report; and

21 WHEREAS, the city of Ames is home to Iowa State
22 University, the largest university in the state, a
23 recognized national leader in science and technology,
24 and home to the Iowa State University Bioeconomy
25 Institute, a pioneer in developing new sources of
26 energy and other products from renewable sources; and

27 WHEREAS, C.Y. Stephens Auditorium, located on
28 the Iowa State University campus, has been named

1 Building of the Century by the American Institute of
2 Architects; and

3 WHEREAS, the city of Ames is also the home of
4 innovative companies focused on biotechnology,
5 cyber-innovation, agriculture, and health and wellness,
6 as well as the thriving Iowa State University Research
7 Park which supports the development of world-class
8 companies; and

9 WHEREAS, to acknowledge the sesquicentennial, the
10 Ames 150 celebration steering committee of dedicated
11 volunteers is planning celebratory events, public
12 education opportunities, and legacy projects for future
13 generations; and

14 WHEREAS, the year-long Ames 150 celebration began
15 with the first-ever public Chamber of Commerce annual
16 dinner in January and will continue with an expanded
17 Fourth of July festival and an autumn Dinkey Days
18 celebration; and

19 WHEREAS, the year will culminate with the Platting
20 Day festivities in December 2014; NOW THEREFORE,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That
22 the House of Representatives honors the city of Ames on
23 the occasion of its sesquicentennial anniversary and
24 invites all Iowans to participate in this year-long
25 celebration of the history of the city of Ames.