

# House Resolution 104 - Introduced

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 104

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ANDERSON, R. TAYLOR, KACENA, HAGER, HUNTER,  
MAXWELL, MASCHER, HEARTSILL, THEDE, GASSMAN, KURTH,  
MOMMSEN, MEYER, WATTS, WESSEL-KROESCHELL, LUNDGREN,  
LENSING, BAUDLER, WINCKLER, HOLT, COHOON, KAUFMANN,  
T. TAYLOR, ROGERS, BEARINGER, DEYOE, BRECKENRIDGE,  
WORTHAN, OLDSON, LANDON, WOLFE, VANDER LINDEN, R.  
SMITH, WHEELER, NIELSEN, CARLSON, KRESSIG, BERGAN,  
JACOBY, STAED, FORBES, McCONKEY, BROWN-POWERS,  
OLSON, HEDDENS, PRICHARD, RUNNING-MARQUARDT,  
ABDUL-SAMAD, and FINKENAUER

1 A Resolution honoring and commemorating the city of  
2 Buxton.

3 WHEREAS, in 1873, a new city was founded in Iowa by  
4 Ben Buxton for the purpose of housing laborers to mine  
5 coal for the Consolidated Coal Company; and

6 WHEREAS, the Consolidated Coal Company recruited  
7 African American laborers from Iowa, Virginia,  
8 Kentucky, and Tennessee; and

9 WHEREAS, in addition, the city also hosted white  
10 laborers from Australia and across Europe; and

11 WHEREAS, the businesses and organizations of the  
12 city of Buxton did not discriminate against any citizen  
13 on the basis of race; and

14 WHEREAS, the people of the city of Buxton were  
15 served by a number of prominent African American  
16 professionals, including physician Dr. E.A. Carter and  
17 co-founders of the National Bar Association George H.

1 Woodson and Samuel Joe Brown; and

2 WHEREAS, the city of Buxton stood as a model of  
3 cooperation and respect among people of diverse  
4 heritages and backgrounds; and

5 WHEREAS, the last Buxton coal mine closed in 1927,  
6 leading to the town's abandonment; NOW THEREFORE,

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
8 That the House of Representatives hereby honors and  
9 commemorates the city of Buxton and encourages all  
10 Iowans to recall the spirit of unity and harmony  
11 embodied by the people of the city of Buxton.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this  
13 resolution be sent to the Monroe County Historical  
14 Board.