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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 144

BY JOHNSON

A Resolution honoring the city of Peterson, Iowa, on its sesquicentennial.

WHEREAS, the 150-year-old city of Peterson, Iowa, located on Iowa Highway 10 in the beautiful valley of the Little Sioux River was first seen and settled by the family of Christian Kirchner in April 1856 and subsequently settled by the Ambrose Mead family and the James Bicknell family in late summer of 1856; and

WHEREAS, the city of Peterson was the first Clay county entity to establish a settlement, a post office, the first frame building, first school, first religious services, the first and only fort in the area, the river dam, saw mill and grist mill, first hotel, first retail stores, first newspaper, first polling place, and first county seat and courthouse (1860-1871); and

WHEREAS, after the Chicago Northwestern railroad came in 1882, the Peterson area grew rapidly and was the business mecca of the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, the city of Peterson continues to exist as a cooperative and active community with numerous business organizations and four churches and is located on one of Iowa's scenic byways; and

WHEREAS, Peterson is proud of its many museums, including two homes of the Kirchner founding fathers, a horse-drawn machinery museum, a restored one room boxcar school house, the restored blockhouse of Fort Peterson, a log cabin on its original site, and two

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1 private museums, Jim Hass's History Barn and the  
2 French Memorial Museum; and

3 WHEREAS, the community of Peterson boasts more new  
4 homes than any of the small towns in Clay County; and

5 WHEREAS, the city of Peterson is celebrating its  
6 150th anniversary with events scheduled before and on  
7 August 4-6, 2006; NOW THEREFORE,

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate  
9 recognizes and extends its congratulations to the city  
10 of Peterson on the city's sesquicentennial and invites  
11 all Iowans to make the August celebration in Peterson  
12 part of their summer vacation plans.

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