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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 45

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CHIODO, SIEGRIST, FINCH, HATCH, BRUNKHORST, HUSER,
BUKTA, and GREIMANN

A Resolution designating June 16, 2001, as Juneteenth
National Freedom Day.

WHEREAS, the third Saturday in June is celebrated
as National Freedom Day and is also known as
Emancipation Day; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth National Freedom Day is the
oldest known African-American celebration of the end
of slavery in the United States and occurred on or
about June nineteenth; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth National Freedom Day celebrates
the meaning and importance of the Emancipation
Proclamation, which ended slavery in the United
States; and

WHEREAS, spontaneous celebrations erupted
throughout the United States when African-Americans
learned that they were free; and

WHEREAS, all citizens of Iowa are encouraged to
observe the day in a manner that emphasizes the
meaning and importance of the Emancipation
Proclamation; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
That the third Saturday in June, June 16, 2001, is
designated Juneteenth National Freedom Day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of
Representatives encourages the citizens of Iowa to
recognize and celebrate the importance of this day to

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1 every person who cherishes liberty and equality for
2 all people.

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