

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 39

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A Resolution honoring the city of Riceville on its  
sesquicentennial.

WHEREAS, the city of Riceville is a community of  
900 friendly people, known as the hub of Northeast  
Iowa and located on Iowa Highway 9; and

WHEREAS, Riceville, located in both Howard and  
Mitchell Counties, was settled and platted in 1855 by  
Dennis Rice and his family, and incorporated in 1892;  
and

WHEREAS, Lake Hendricks, a 52-acre man-made lake  
sited on a 130-acre park in Riceville, provides  
camping, fishing, and picnicking opportunities for the  
entire area; and

WHEREAS, the James W. Herring Golf Course and  
Country Club provides a challenging nine-hole golf  
course for Riceville residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Wapsi Great Western Bike Trail,  
formerly the location of the Chicago Great Western  
Railroad, runs through the Lake Hendricks park; and

WHEREAS, five full-size vaudeville curtains painted  
as scenery and as advertisements which were used in  
the turn-of-the-century Brown Opera House in Riceville  
now hang in the public library; and

WHEREAS, famous citizens of Riceville include  
United States ambassadors John and Larry Dinger,  
Luther College choral conductor and instructor Weston  
Noble, author Jane Elliott, inventor Kenneth Mosher,  
sculptress Isabelle Kimball, editor Beatrice Blackman

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1 Gould, athlete Raymond Conger, and tenor Warren  
2 Proctor; and

3 WHEREAS, the city of Riceville is celebrating its  
4 150th anniversary with a sesquicentennial celebration  
5 on August 5 through 7, 2005; NOW THEREFORE,

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
7 That the House of Representatives recognizes and  
8 extends its congratulations to the city of Riceville  
9 on the city's sesquicentennial and invites all Iowans  
10 to make a visit to Riceville part of their summer  
11 vacations.

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