

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 40

2 BY ARNOLD and WHITAKER

3 A Resolution honoring the city of Eddyville on its  
4 165th anniversary.

5 WHEREAS, the city of Eddyville is named after its  
6 founder, Jabish P. Eddy, and is located on the Des  
7 Moines River, at the junction of Wapello, Mahaska, and  
8 Monroe Counties; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1840, Jabish P. Eddy trekked westward  
10 from Warren, Ohio, to the Iowa Territory and  
11 established an Indian trading post on the land of the  
12 Sac and Fox Indian tribes; and

13 WHEREAS, the Eddy trading post was a pioneer  
14 outpost located far west from other settlements,  
15 established in Chief Hard Fish's village, near the  
16 mouth of the Muchakinock Creek on the banks of the Des  
17 Moines River; and

18 WHEREAS, when the Sac and Fox Indians left in 1842,  
19 some 10 families remained around the trading post, and  
20 Jabish Eddy was appointed as an Indian agent; and

21 WHEREAS, in 1843 this "new purchase" land was  
22 opened to settlers and J.P. Eddy laid out 160 acres of  
23 his own land for a town plot with a public square in  
24 the center; and

25 WHEREAS, the town, which was later named Eddyville  
26 and incorporated in 1857, quickly became a  
27 transportation hub for stagecoach, steamboat, and  
28 railroad traffic, as well as a terminal for the  
29 Western Union telegraph line; and

30 WHEREAS, the population of Eddyville has grown from

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1 some 300 residents in 1851 to some 700 residents in  
2 1878 to over 1,000 residents in 2005; and

3 WHEREAS, 165 years after it began as an isolated  
4 trading post, Eddyville is now home to a vast billion-  
5 dollar biotechnology complex employing over 1,000  
6 Iowans; and

7 WHEREAS, the city of Eddyville is celebrating its  
8 165th anniversary with a community celebration on July  
9 9, 2005; NOW THEREFORE,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
11 That the House of Representatives recognizes and  
12 extends its congratulations to the residents of  
13 Eddyville on their city's 165th year and invites all  
14 Iowans to make the July celebration in Eddyville part  
15 of their summer plans.

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