

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 53

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A Resolution honoring the city of Clinton on its sesquicentennial.

WHEREAS, in 1836, 10 years before Iowa became a state, the tiny hamlet of New York was platted along the Mississippi River, by its first settler, Joseph Bartlett; and

WHEREAS, in 1855 the Chicago, Iowa, and Nebraska Railroad determined that its line would cross the Mississippi directly across from the New York community; and

WHEREAS, with the coming of the railroad, the community was renamed Clinton, in honor of New York Governor DeWitt Clinton, and the town began to grow, absorbing nearby communities and becoming the county seat; and

WHEREAS, the Clinton area was soon regarded as the sawmill capital of the nation and by 1892, lumber production had risen to more than 195 million board feet; and

WHEREAS, the railroad and the river continue to sustain and promote economic activity and diversity, attracting manufacturing and heavy industry to the community, providing opportunities for sport and recreational activities, and promoting commerce; and

WHEREAS, today the city of Clinton is home to some 28,000 Iowans, the Clinton Community College, and Ashford University; and

WHEREAS, the city of Clinton offers a variety of

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1 attractions, including the Bickelhaupt Arboretum, a
2 14-acre outdoor museum of select-labeled trees,
3 shrubs, ground covers, perennials, and annuals, and
4 the Lillian Russell Theatre, located aboard a restored
5 old river paddle wheeler moored on the riverfront; and

6 WHEREAS, the city of Clinton is celebrating its
7 150th anniversary, with celebrations lasting through
8 the spring and summer of 2005; NOW THEREFORE,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
10 That the House of Representatives recognizes and
11 extends its congratulations to the city of Clinton on
12 its sesquicentennial and invites all Iowans to make a
13 visit to Clinton part of their summer plans.

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