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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 52

BY STEWART

1 A Resolution honoring the city of Clinton on its  
2 sesquicentennial.

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

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

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

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

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

25 WHEREAS, today the city of Clinton is home to some  
26 28,000 Iowans, the Clinton Community College, and  
27 Ashford University; and

28 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 SENATE, That the Senate  
10 recognizes and extends its congratulations to the city  
11 of Clinton on its sesquicentennial and invites all  
12 Iowans to make a visit to Clinton part of their summer  
13 plans.

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