

1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 141

2 BY RAGAN

3 A Resolution honoring the City of Stacyville on its
4 sesquicentennial year.

5 WHEREAS, in 1851 the Sioux tribe signed over the
6 area that would become Stacyville to the United States
7 government pursuant to the last treaty in which Native
8 Americans surrendered what would become Iowa soil to
9 the United States; and

10 WHEREAS, the Dakota, Sioux, Sauk, and Fox tribes
11 camped along the Cedar River near the early Stacyville
12 settlers; and

13 WHEREAS, by 1855 the state of Iowa was only nine
14 years old and hardy entrepreneurs from McHenry,
15 Illinois, were looking westward toward opportunities
16 in the northern part of Iowa; and

17 WHEREAS, in that same year Adam Blake and Nicholas
18 Hemann arrived in the area that became Stacyville,
19 laying the foundation for a community that has
20 survived 150 years; and

21 WHEREAS, Stacyville Township was formed in 1856 and
22 in February of that year Homer and Amelia (Donaldson)
23 Stacy, with their family, built a house and store and
24 platted the village of Stacyville; and

25 WHEREAS, by August 1856 a post office and sawmill
26 had been established and by 1857 there were over 20
27 frame buildings in the village; and

28 WHEREAS, when the Stacy family donated a plot of
29 land to be used as a park, the settlers decided to
30 name the town after them; and

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1 WHEREAS, a school district was organized and the
2 first schoolhouse was completed by fall of 1856, with
3 a public high school built in 1867 and a Catholic
4 school building completed in 1877; and

5 WHEREAS, there were three Christian denominations
6 active in Stacyville in the latter half of the
7 nineteenth century: Catholic, Congregationalist, and
8 Methodist; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1893 Henry W. Schultz's catalogue
10 business preceded the Sears & Roebuck catalogue; and

11 WHEREAS, Stacyville provided homes for children who
12 rode the orphan trains between 1853 and the early
13 1900s; and

14 WHEREAS, Stacyville's newspapers have included The
15 Stacyville Sentinel, The Herald, The Stacyville
16 Monitor, and The Monitor Review; and

17 WHEREAS, after most of the east side of the
18 business district on Broad Street was destroyed by a
19 fire in 1935, the town pulled together to rebuild and
20 survive; and

21 WHEREAS, in the beginning, agriculture predominated
22 in the Stacyville area and 4-H is still strong today;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Stacyville, located along the Little Cedar
25 River in northeast Iowa, will officially celebrate its
26 150th year of German heritage on July 28, 29, and 30,
27 2006, during its annual Bratwurst Daze, with this
28 year's motto: "We're looking back, but moving
29 forward."; NOW THEREFORE,

30 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate

1 recognizes and extends its congratulations to the City
2 of Stacyville on its sesquicentennial and for its 150
3 years of service to its citizens and to the State of
4 Iowa; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an official copy of
6 this Resolution be prepared and presented to mayor
7 Harold Isaac on behalf of the City of Stacyville.

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