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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 155

BY COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

A Resolution honoring Senator Richard F. Drake.

WHEREAS, Senator Richard F. Drake is retiring from legislative office as one of the longest serving members of the Senate, serving seven terms in office as a State Senator and nearly four full terms as a member of the House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, Senator Drake's distinguished career as a state legislator has included service as the chairperson of the Transportation Committee in the Sixty-eighth, Sixty-ninth, Seventy-seventh, Seventy-eighth, and Eightieth General Assemblies and as ranking member of the Transportation Committee in the Seventieth through Seventy-sixth General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, Senator Drake served as chairperson of the Ethics Committee in the Seventy-ninth and Eightieth General Assemblies and as a member of the Ethics Committee in the Seventieth through Eightieth General Assemblies from 1983 through 2004; and

WHEREAS, Senator Drake has served on many other standing committees throughout his 35 years of legislative service and has been an influential and devoted legislator in this state; and

WHEREAS, Senator Drake has been instrumental in the passage of transportation legislation for his entire career in the Senate; and

WHEREAS, Senator Drake's institutional and historical knowledge regarding transportation issues

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1 is widely acknowledged and appreciated by legislators,
2 staff, and the lobby; and

3 WHEREAS, Senator Drake has served honorably and has
4 unselfishly given of his time and efforts to further
5 the interests of the State of Iowa and to provide
6 beneficial programs for the citizens of Iowa; NOW
7 THEREFORE,

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate pay
9 tribute to Senator Richard F. Drake, also endearingly
10 known as "The Commander", for his devoted service to
11 the Iowa General Assembly and the citizens of this
12 state and wish him the very best in the years ahead;
13 and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an official copy of
15 this Resolution be prepared and presented to Senator
16 Drake.

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