

# Senate Resolution 113 - Introduced

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1 1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_  
1 2 BY HECKROTH and JOHNSON  
1 3 A Resolution honoring the work of the department of  
1 4 elder affairs and Iowa's area agencies on aging  
1 5 home-delivered nutrition programs and March for  
1 6 Meals campaign.  
1 7 WHEREAS, the department of elder affairs provides  
1 8 advocacy, educational, and prevention services to  
1 9 older Iowans so they can find Iowa a healthy, safe,  
1 10 productive, and enjoyable place to live and work; and  
1 11 WHEREAS, the Iowa home-delivered meal program helps  
1 12 those men and women in communities across Iowa who are  
1 13 age 60 and over, homebound, disabled, frail, and at  
1 14 risk; and  
1 15 WHEREAS, the Iowa home-delivered meal program  
1 16 provides nutritious meals to individuals who are  
1 17 experiencing long-term chronic conditions as well as  
1 18 those who may just need short-term assistance; and  
1 19 WHEREAS, good nutrition is essential to good  
1 20 health, and the meals provided contribute to the  
1 21 overall well-being of Iowa's seniors by helping them  
1 22 to remain independent and in their own homes and  
1 23 communities and by helping them to avoid premature or  
1 24 unnecessary institutionalization; and  
1 25 WHEREAS, the Iowa area agencies on aging nutrition  
1 26 programs serve this state's older population; and  
1 27 WHEREAS, currently there are 571,000 Iowans over  
1 28 the age of 60 representing 19 percent of Iowa's  
1 29 population. By the year 2020, this number is  
1 30 projected to be 753,000, or one-quarter of Iowa's  
2 1 population; and  
2 2 WHEREAS, the demand for services to support older  
2 3 adults in their homes and communities will continue to  
2 4 increase at an astounding pace due to the increasing  
2 5 numbers of aging Iowans; and  
2 6 WHEREAS, it was during the month of March that the  
2 7 law was enacted establishing senior meal programs in  
2 8 the Older Americans Act of 1965; home-delivered meal  
2 9 programs across the country now conduct local,  
2 10 community-based March for Meals awareness campaigns;  
2 11 NOW THEREFORE,  
2 12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate  
2 13 during the month of March:  
2 14 1. Recognizes the important work the department of  
2 15 elder affairs, Iowa's area agencies on aging, and  
2 16 local nutrition programs throughout the state do in  
2 17 preventing senior hunger and improving the quality of  
2 18 life for approximately 15,000 of our state's seniors  
2 19 each year;  
2 20 2. Recognizes the important role the department of  
2 21 elder affairs and the area agencies on aging play in  
2 22 increasing awareness of the need for senior nutrition  
2 23 programs and wellness;  
2 24 3. Honors the nutrition programs for their  
2 25 continuing hard work and dedication on behalf of our  
2 26 state's seniors; and  
2 27 4. Encourages elected officials to support their  
2 28 local senior nutrition programs by participating in  
2 29 their March for Meals events and delivering meals to  
2 30 homebound seniors in a community within their  
3 1 district.  
3 2 LSB 6494SS 82  
3 3 jr/sc/24.1