

Senate Resolution 15 - Introduced

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1 1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. ____
1 2 BY McCOY
1 3 A Resolution honoring Rich Eychaner for over three
1 4 decades of public service.
1 5 WHEREAS, Rich Eychaner has been an advocate for
1 6 human rights in central Iowa for over 30 years; and
1 7 WHEREAS, Rich Eychaner has been a successful
1 8 businessman, community leader, and a political and
1 9 social activist who has added philanthropist to his
1 10 list of outstanding avocations; and
1 11 WHEREAS, Rich Eychaner created the Eychaner
1 12 Foundation to promote tolerance and nondiscrimination;
1 13 and
1 14 WHEREAS, the Eychaner Foundation is dedicated to
1 15 providing college financial aid to lesbian, gay,
1 16 bisexual, and transgender Iowa high school students;
1 17 and
1 18 WHEREAS, the Foundation, through Iowa's Matthew
1 19 Shepard Scholarship Program and the Howard and Mildred
1 20 Eychaner Scholarship, has committed over \$1 million in
1 21 scholarship assistance to students who have
1 22 demonstrated moral and ethical leadership; and
1 23 WHEREAS, 2009 is the 10th anniversary of the
1 24 Matthew Shepard Scholarship, which is awarded annually
1 25 to three or more openly gay or lesbian high school
1 26 seniors, covering full tuition, books, and fees at one
1 27 of Iowa's three state universities, for up to four
1 28 years; and
1 29 WHEREAS, scholarship recipients have been residents
1 30 of 53 Iowa House Districts and 38 Iowa Senate
2 1 Districts; and
2 2 WHEREAS, Rich Eychaner is a recipient of numerous
2 3 awards for his lifetime of public service, including
2 4 the Friends of Iowa Civil Rights Individual Award for
2 5 his work as a civil rights activist in Iowa; the Power
2 6 of One Award, presented in 2007 by the PFund, a
2 7 Minnesota lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender
2 8 foundation; and Activist of the Year presented in 2003
2 9 by Cityview, an independent newspaper in Central Iowa;
2 10 and
2 11 WHEREAS, Rich Eychaner was nominated by Governor
2 12 Culver and approved by the Senate to be a member of
2 13 the Iowa Civil Rights Commission that fights
2 14 discrimination across Iowa; NOW THEREFORE,
2 15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate
2 16 honors Rich Eychaner for over three decades of
2 17 championing human rights for all persons.
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