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1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 121
2 BY KRAMER, IVERSON, TINSMAN, SZYMONIAK, and HAMMOND
3 A Senate resolution honoring Suzanne Johnson for her
4 service to the General Assembly of Iowa.
5 WHEREAS, Suzanne Johnson grew up in Bettendorf with
6 her parents, Bill and Shirley, and came to the Iowa
7 General Assembly in the Fall of 1986 as a member of
8 the Senate Republican Caucus staff; and
9 WHEREAS, since that time Suzanne has staffed the
10 Human Services, State Government, Local Government,
11 and Transportation Committees, and the Human Services,
12 Health and Human Rights, and Administration
13 Appropriations Subcommittees; and
14 WHEREAS, Suzanne has not only served the members of
15 her own caucus but has demonstrated a commitment to
16 all members of the General Assembly, members of other
17 legislative staffs, and to the institution itself; and
18 WHEREAS, Suzanne has demonstrated her compassion
19 and penchant for fairness in her work with
20 constituents by completing at least 1,100 constituent
21 requests during her tenure; and
22 WHEREAS, her tenacity in finding the truth has
23 often resulted in extreme measures including one
24 incident in which Suzanne almost purchased a semi-
25 tractor trailer from a deceptive dad to assist an Iowa
26 family; and
27 WHEREAS, in addition to being a shining example of
28 quality staff to the General Assembly, Suzanne is also
29 a gracious, accomplished individual; a steadfast,
30 loyal friend; a kindhearted, humane champion of even

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1 the smallest beings; and a funloving, daring trouper
2 who once demonstrated her intrepid spirit by
3 participating in the annual Harley ride in Davenport;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Suzanne has performed her daily
6 responsibilities with grace, enthusiasm, integrity,
7 patience, understanding, determination, and genuine
8 caring; and

9 WHEREAS, Suzanne often finishes her days long after
10 the members of the General Assembly have ended theirs,
11 much to the distress of her pet cat Kylie Jo; and

12 WHEREAS, Suzanne always has a bright smile, a
13 twinkle in her eye, and a kind word for those she
14 meets; and

15 WHEREAS, the General Assembly and the state of Iowa
16 are better because Suzanne has graced them, but will
17 be less animated without her presence; NOW THEREFORE,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate
19 wishes Suzanne Johnson the very best in all of her
20 future endeavors and in her life in South Dakota with
21 her husband-to-be, Larry; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the General Assembly
23 trusts that no matter where the future leads,
24 Suzanne's spirit will remain to energize others when
25 the nights are long, to make discussion thoughtful,
26 principled, and compassionate when the decision making
27 is difficult, and to make everyone smile when a smile
28 seems beyond reach.

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