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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 17

BY IVERSON and GRONSTAL

A Resolution paying tribute to the memory of Elizabeth M. Osenbaugh and recognizing her many contributions to state government.

WHEREAS, Elizabeth (Bess) M. Osenbaugh was born in Lucas County, Iowa, where she spent her childhood and formed a lasting bond with the local people and the beautiful Iowa countryside; and

WHEREAS, Bess Osenbaugh attended college and law school at the University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa, and graduated with honors as Order of the Coif in 1971; and

WHEREAS, Bess Osenbaugh's legal career took her to the states of Arkansas and Washington, and brought her back to Iowa to join the office of Iowa Attorney General Thomas J. Miller in 1979; and

WHEREAS, Bess Osenbaugh ably served the citizens of Iowa for nearly 18 years in the office of the Attorney General in various capacities, including as the Director of the Environmental Law Division and Deputy Attorney General, and was serving as Solicitor General at the time of her death; and

WHEREAS, Bess Osenbaugh's service to this state exemplified the best qualities of public service: hard work, intelligence, dedication, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Bess Osenbaugh served as a wonderful role model and inspiring mentor to attorneys in the office of the Attorney General and throughout state

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1 government; and

2 WHEREAS, Bess Osenbaugh performed her duties with
3 great legal skill, compassion, and commitment; and

4 WHEREAS, Bess Osenbaugh has raised her daughter,
5 Betsy Ryan Osenbaugh, to share her love of Iowa and
6 her values; NOW THEREFORE,

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate pay
8 tribute to the memory of Elizabeth M. Osenbaugh,
9 recognizing her deep commitment and many contributions
10 to the State of Iowa, and recognizing the many
11 accomplishments in her life; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the
13 Senate prepare official copies of this resolution for
14 presentation to Elizabeth M. Osenbaugh's surviving
15 daughter, Betsy Ryan Osenbaugh, and to her family.

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