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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1

BY BEHN

(COMPANION TO LSB 1543HH BY ROBERTS)

A Senate Resolution congratulating Mr. Thomas H. Paulsen for being named the Iowa Teacher of the Year for 2000.

WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas H. Paulsen was influenced by two forces that shape many an Iowan -- a love of agriculture gained from his birth and upbringing on an Iowa family farm, and a love of education, instilled by his mother, who taught in a country school until his birth; and

WHEREAS, he was further guided in the ninth grade toward his own teaching career by an inspirational agriculture education teacher; and

WHEREAS, he received his undergraduate degree in agriculture education from Northwest Missouri State University and his master's degree from the Iowa State University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Paulsen has served 13 years as an agriculture education instructor -- first at Lynnville-Sully High School and currently at Carroll High School, and as a Future Farmers of America (FFA) advisor and a football and basketball coach; and

WHEREAS, during this service, Mr. Paulsen has earned numerous awards and recognition, including the Iowa Vocational Agriculture Teachers' Association Outstanding Young Member, American Vocational Association Outstanding Young Member, Carroll County Environmental Educator of the Year, and Carroll Rotary

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1 Club Public School Teacher of the Year for 1999; and
2 WHEREAS, Mr. Paulsen developed and shaped the
3 agriculture education program that Carroll High School
4 and Kuemper Catholic High School cooperatively share
5 in Carroll; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Paulsen is a source of constant
7 encouragement and guidance for FFA members, leading
8 them to projects that not only provide the students
9 with learning opportunities, but which also benefit
10 the community; and

11 WHEREAS, the National Riparian (Streamside) Buffer
12 Initiative is a fine example of such a project, as FFA
13 members have worked diligently with public and private
14 sector partners to recruit landowners to use native
15 grasses as vegetative buffer strips on over 500 acres
16 to increase wildlife habitat while reducing soil
17 erosion and increasing water quality for neighbors who
18 utilize the Middle Raccoon River for their municipal
19 water supply; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Paulsen acts as a mentor to other
21 agriculture education teachers and, as a pilot member
22 of the statewide Agriculture Educators' Professional
23 Development Committee, he has assisted in developing
24 an ongoing program for agriculture education
25 instructors to further develop their technical
26 teaching, classroom management, and personal
27 development while receiving continuing education
28 credit; and

29 WHEREAS, Mr. Paulsen was selected as Teacher of the
30 Year for 2000 by a panel of judges composed of

1 representatives from the Iowa Department of Education,
2 the Iowa State Education Association, the School
3 Administrators of Iowa, the Parent Teacher
4 Association, the 1999 Iowa Teacher of the Year, the
5 Meredith Corporation, and Drake University; and

6 WHEREAS, as Iowa's Teacher of the Year for 2000,
7 Mr. Paulsen was granted a one-year sabbatical to visit
8 schools and speak to community groups as Iowa's
9 Ambassador for Education during the 2000-2001 school
10 year; NOW THEREFORE,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the General
12 Assembly honors Mr. Thomas H. Paulsen of Carroll High
13 School for his exemplary work in education, applauds
14 his efforts and achievements in bringing out the best
15 in his students at Carroll High School and Kuemper
16 Catholic High School, and congratulates him for his
17 outstanding accomplishment in being named the Iowa
18 Teacher of the Year for 2000.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an official copy of
20 this Resolution be prepared for presentation to Mr.
21 Thomas H. Paulsen.

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