

1 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 43
2 BY NELSON of Pottawattamie, SIEGRIST, HAMMITT, and
3 HOUSER
4 A Concurrent Resolution celebrating 140 years of deaf
5 education in Iowa.
6 WHEREAS, in 1855, the state of Iowa purchased a
7 small private school for the deaf in Iowa City and
8 reopened the facility as a public institution
9 providing educational services for deaf and hard-of-
10 hearing children; and
11 WHEREAS, in 1866, the legislature recognized the
12 growth of the institution and a decision was made to
13 relocate the institution to Council Bluffs; and
14 WHEREAS, in 1870, the institution, complete with a
15 central administration building and an industrial
16 facility, was opened in Council Bluffs at a cost of
17 \$125,000; and
18 WHEREAS, in 1884, the first official class of the
19 Iowa School for the Deaf graduated; and
20 WHEREAS, in 1932, the Iowa School for the Deaf
21 further recognized the importance of educating deaf
22 children to be productive members of society by
23 extending its school term from 9 to 12 years; and
24 WHEREAS, today, after 140 years, the Iowa School
25 for the Deaf continues to fulfill its educational
26 mission to deaf and hard-of-hearing children by
27 providing them with preschool, elementary, middle
28 school and high school programming; and
29 WHEREAS, the Iowa School for the Deaf is a resource
30 for all Iowans through its service to thousands of

1 deaf and hard-of-hearing students and their families
2 on a direct and outreach basis, through its open-
3 campus policy, and through its service as a valuable
4 asset for community use and involvement in Council
5 Bluffs and throughout southwest Iowa; and

6 WHEREAS, in 1995, the Iowa School for the Deaf is
7 celebrating 140 years of educating and serving the
8 needs of deaf and hard-of-hearing children in Iowa;

9 NOW THEREFORE,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE
11 SENATE CONCURRING, That the Iowa General Assembly
12 joins the Iowa School for the Deaf in recognizing and
13 celebrating 140 years of deaf education in Iowa.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Iowa General
15 Assembly urges all Iowans to express their support and
16 appreciation to the Iowa School for the Deaf for its
17 outstanding service to the state in educating deaf and
18 hard-of-hearing Iowans.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
20 resolution be presented to Dr. William P. Johnson,
21 superintendent of the Iowa School for the Deaf, on
22 behalf of all the faculty and students at the school,
23 in recognition of 140 years of deaf education in Iowa.

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