

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 107

2 BY MASCHER, MYERS, AND DODERER

3 A House Resolution honoring University of Iowa
4 graduate and faculty member Ms. Jorie Graham
5 for winning the 1996 Pulitzer Prize for poetry
6 and for bringing renown to the University of
7 Iowa Writers' Workshop and to Iowa City.

8 WHEREAS, Ms. Jorie Graham received a master's
9 degree from the University of Iowa's distinguished
10 Writers' Workshop in 1978 and has been a member of the
11 University of Iowa faculty since 1983; and

12 WHEREAS, Ms. Jorie Graham was chosen as the
13 recipient of the 1996 Pulitzer Prize for poetry from a
14 group of three finalists, all of whom had professional
15 and academic ties to the University of Iowa Writers'
16 Workshop; and

17 WHEREAS, the Pulitzer Prize is America's most
18 prestigious writing award; and

19 WHEREAS, the Pulitzer Prize awarded to Ms. Jorie
20 Graham is the twenty-third literary-based Pulitzer
21 Prize won by a University of Iowa faculty member or
22 student; and

23 WHEREAS, the work for which Ms. Jorie Graham won a
24 Pulitzer Prize, "The Dream of the United Field: New
25 and Selected Poems", is a collection of poems
26 exploring events in Iowa City, such as the flooding of
27 the Iowa River and the University of Iowa marching
28 band's practices; and

29 WHEREAS, the Pulitzer Prize awarded to Ms. Jorie
30 Graham is the latest in a series of writing honors and

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1 awards bestowed upon Ms. Jorie Graham, including the
2 1990 MacArthur Foundation Fellowship, the Whiting
3 Foundation Award, the American Academy of Poets Prize,
4 the Lavan Award from the Academy of American Poets,
5 the Connors Prize from the Paris Review, and grants
6 from the Guggenheim Foundation, the Radcliffe
7 Institute, the Ingram-Merrill Foundation, and the
8 National Endowment for the Arts; NOW THEREFORE,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
10 That Ms. Jorie Graham be congratulated for winning the
11 1996 Pulitzer Prize for poetry and bringing honor and
12 distinction upon the University of Iowa Writers'
13 Workshop.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an official copy of
15 this Resolution be prepared for presentation to Ms.
16 Jorie Graham.

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