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1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 33
2 BY GRONSTAL and BOETTGER
3 A Concurrent Resolution celebrating 140 years of deaf
4 education in Iowa.
5 WHEREAS, in 1855, the state of Iowa purchased a
6 small private school for the deaf in Iowa City and
7 reopened the facility as a public institution
8 providing educational services for deaf and hard-of-
9 hearing children; and
10 WHEREAS, in 1866, the legislature recognized the
11 growth of the institution and a decision was made to
12 relocate the institution to Council Bluffs; and
13 WHEREAS, in 1870, the institution, complete with a
14 central administration building and an industrial
15 facility, was opened in Council Bluffs at a cost of
16 \$125,000; and
17 WHEREAS, in 1884, the first official class of the
18 Iowa School for the Deaf graduated; and
19 WHEREAS, in 1932, the Iowa School for the Deaf
20 further recognized the importance of educating deaf
21 children to be productive members of society by
22 extending its school term from 9 to 12 years; and
23 WHEREAS, today, after 140 years, the Iowa School
24 for the Deaf continues to fulfill its educational
25 mission to deaf and hard-of-hearing children by
26 providing them with preschool, elementary, middle
27 school and high school programming; and
28 WHEREAS, the Iowa School for the Deaf is a resource
29 for all Iowans through its service to thousands of
30 deaf and hard-of-hearing students and their families

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

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

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