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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.  
BY FALLON  
(COMPANION TO LSB 4411SS BY SZYMONIAK)

A House Resolution congratulating Dr. Joan Roberts for being named the 1997 Iowa Secondary Principal of the Year.

WHEREAS, Dr. Joan Roberts earned her undergraduate degree in secondary education from the University of Northern Iowa and her master's and doctorate degrees from Drake University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Roberts has worked within the Des Moines Independent School District for 20 years, serving since 1990 as the principal at Des Moines' North High School; and

WHEREAS, North High School has a high minority enrollment and serves students who are primarily from middle and low-income families, many of whom qualify for free or reduced price meals; and

WHEREAS, North High School has experienced the problems often associated with urban schools, including declining enrollment, high dropout and mobility rates, and low academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Roberts has been an energizing force at North High School, which has in the past 12 years doubled its enrollment, reduced its dropout rate to less than five percent, tripled its enrollment in advanced courses, and integrated case management and support services for drug prevention, alcohol prevention, violence prevention, and teen pregnancy and parenting into the school program; and

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1 WHEREAS, in the past five years, graduates of North  
2 High School have earned more scholarship dollars on  
3 average than the graduates from any other Des Moines  
4 high school; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Roberts has revitalized her school and  
6 awakened the pride of North High School's students and  
7 their families, brought positive recognition of North  
8 High School, and is a tremendous role model for other  
9 building principals and for the young women enrolled  
10 in North High School; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Roberts was nominated by her peers,  
12 selected by a committee of Iowa secondary principals,  
13 and named the 1997 Iowa Secondary Principal of the  
14 Year by the School Administrators of Iowa, and, in  
15 addition, has received national recognition as a 1997  
16 State Principal of the Year by the National  
17 Association of Secondary School Principals; NOW

18 THEREFORE

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
20 That the House of Representatives honors Dr. Joan  
21 Roberts of North High School in Des Moines for her  
22 exemplary work in education, applauds the achievements  
23 realized by the school and its students under her  
24 administration, and congratulates her for her  
25 outstanding accomplishment in being named the 1997  
26 Iowa Secondary Principal of the Year; and

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an official copy of  
28 this Resolution be prepared for presentation to Dr.  
29 Joan Roberts.

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