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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 15

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3 A Resolution paying tribute to the memory of Mrs. Billie
4 Jean Walling and recognizing her many contributions to
5 the Iowa House of Representatives.

6 WHEREAS, Billie Jean Walling was born in Osceola,
7 Iowa, where she spent her early childhood before
8 moving with her family to Des Moines; and

9 WHEREAS, her career as a bookkeeper first took her
10 to the State of Iowa as a Senate Payroll Clerk in
11 1963, and then to the House of Representatives as
12 Clerk to the Chief Clerk and Payroll Clerk in 1967,
13 becoming House Finance Clerk in 1971; and

14 WHEREAS, Billie was well known during her many
15 years of service for her competence in administering
16 the House Finance Office, meeting and often surpassing
17 the expectations of legislative leaders and the Chief
18 Clerk, overseeing the modernization and
19 computerization of the Office's functions, and making
20 certain that she correctly accounted for every penny
21 of the House's money; and

22 WHEREAS, her role as payroll clerk brought her out
23 of her "lofty" finance area and put her in contact
24 with all 100 House members and their clerks and made
25 her well known for her warm smile and cheerful voice
26 in delivering the paychecks to the members' desks; and

27 WHEREAS, Billie was considered a model employee and
28 a pillar of the House for her devotion to hard work,
29 her extensive knowledge of government finances, her
30 loyalty and integrity, and her caring attitude toward

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1 her colleagues, for many of whom she served as a
2 mentor; and

3 WHEREAS, she performed her duties with great care
4 and attention to detail, with a positive attitude and
5 boundless dedication, and with a warm, wonderful, and
6 witty sense of humor; and

7 WHEREAS, Billie's personal life mirrored her
8 professional life in terms of devotion to her husband
9 Bill, her children, Will, Shari, and John, and her
10 grandchildren Andy and Carrie; and

11 WHEREAS, her leadership, knowledge, sensitivity,
12 and cooperative working style were invaluable to the
13 General Assembly as major legislative projects were
14 conceived, financed, and completed, and as the General
15 Assembly functioned as a separate but equal branch of
16 state government; and

17 WHEREAS, her unswerving loyalty to and faith in the
18 legislative branch over the many years of her service
19 to the General Assembly have benefited all Iowans; NOW
20 THEREFORE,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
22 That the House of Representatives pay tribute to the
23 memory of Mrs. Billie Jean Walling, recognizing her
24 deep commitment and many contributions to the Iowa
25 House of Representatives, the Iowa General Assembly,
26 and the people of the State of Iowa, and recognizing
27 the many accomplishments in her life; and

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the
29 House prepare official copies of this Resolution for
30 presentation to Billie's surviving husband, Bill

1 Walling, and to their family.

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