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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 17
2 BY DODERER, CORBETT, SIEGRIST, SCHRADER, BURNETT,
3 and BERNAU
4 (COMPANION TO LSB 2765SS BY HAMMOND)
5 A House Resolution honoring Mr. Michael Gartner for
6 winning the Pulitzer Prize for editorial writing.
7 WHEREAS, Mr. Gartner's maternal grandfather, Dr.
8 John Charles Gay, edited the Waterloo Morning Tribune
9 and Mr. Gartner's father, Mr. Carl Gartner, was an
10 editor for the Des Moines Register for more than 40
11 years, ensuring that the pundit's genetic code spelled
12 out "newspaperman"; and
13 WHEREAS, whenever Mr. Gartner's education and
14 career paths led him from Iowa, his self-professed
15 love for this state eventually enticed him to return;
16 and
17 WHEREAS, Mr. Gartner's educational path took him to
18 Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota, and New
19 York University where he received his juris doctorate
20 degree; and
21 WHEREAS, 14 years with the Wall Street Journal as a
22 reporter and editor, including five years as a page
23 one editor, prepared him for further career successes
24 as executive editor, and subsequently editor and
25 company president of the Des Moines Register and
26 Tribune; general news executive and subsequently
27 editor of the Gannett Company's Louisville Courier-
28 Journal and Times; president of NBC News; and for his
29 current full-time duties as editor and part-owner of
30 The Daily Tribune of Ames; and

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1 WHEREAS, as a columnist for USA Today and the Wall
2 Street Journal, commentator for Iowa public radio and
3 the Voice of America, and as a fellow at the Institute
4 of Politics at the Kennedy School of Government at
5 Harvard University, Mr. Gartner has ably represented
6 this state to the rest of the country; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Gartner has been praised for
8 transforming The Daily Tribune into a lively, well-
9 received community newspaper by emphasizing local news
10 and writing expressively about the problems of the
11 community of Ames and this state; and

12 WHEREAS, in an address to the joint convention of
13 the General Assembly on Pioneer Lawmakers' Day, March
14 28, 1995, the inveterate logophile described Iowa as
15 open, clean, and honest and observed that Iowans
16 believe in education, hard work, equality, and
17 selflessness; attributes which could also describe Mr.
18 Gartner; and

19 WHEREAS, journalism awards and service to
20 journalism are nothing new to Mr. Gartner, who served
21 as president of the American Society of Newspaper
22 Editors (ASNE); was a member of the Pulitzer Prize
23 Board for 10 years, serving as chairman in his final
24 year on the board; received the ASNE Distinguished
25 Writing Award for Editorial Writing and was runner-up
26 for that award for the following three years; and won
27 the Walker Stone Award for Editorial Writing; and

28 WHEREAS, the Pulitzer Prize is journalism's most
29 prestigious award; and

30 WHEREAS, it was announced on April 7, 1997, that

1 Michael Gartner of The Daily Tribune of Ames, Iowa, is
2 the recipient of the 1997 Pulitzer Prize for editorial
3 writing, based on nine editorials he wrote during 1996
4 for The Daily Tribune; NOW THEREFORE,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
6 That the House recognize and honor Mr. Michael Gartner
7 for his lifetime of work and achievements, especially
8 his outstanding accomplishment in winning the 1997
9 Pulitzer Prize for editorial writing, and mark its
10 appreciation for his steadfast love and enthusiasm for
11 the people and the state of Iowa.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an official copy of
13 this Resolution be prepared for presentation to Mr.
14 Gartner.

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