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1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. **III**
2 BY NEUHAUSER

3 A Resolution honoring Ms. Barbara Grohe for being
4 named the 1998 National Superintendent of the Year.

5 WHEREAS, Ms. Barbara Grohe possesses a bachelor's
6 degree in education from Clarion State College,
7 Clarion, Pennsylvania, a master's degree in education
8 from Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, and a doctorate in
9 urban education from the University of Milwaukee; and

10 WHEREAS, Ms. Grohe has amassed over 30 years of
11 experience as an educator, serving in a wide variety
12 of capacities including as an elementary school
13 teacher and unit leader, a reading consultant, a local
14 program administrator for a federal special education
15 program, a right to read K-12 program director, an
16 assistant superintendent, and for the past 17 years as
17 a school superintendent in Shorewood, Wisconsin, and
18 Iowa City, Iowa; and

19 WHEREAS, Ms. Grohe has held the position of
20 superintendent of the Iowa City Community School
21 District, the eighth largest school district in the
22 state with an enrollment of 10,500 students in
23 kindergarten through grade 12, since 1990; and

24 WHEREAS, during her tenure as superintendent of the
25 Iowa City Community School District, Ms. Grohe has
26 adhered to a personal and professional philosophy of
27 profound concern for the children of our nation and
28 the belief that public education still paves the way
29 for their success, an awareness of the need to
30 understand and celebrate diversity in the school

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1 environment, and a conviction that the disparate
2 elements in a local community must join forces to
3 develop a sense of ownership in their local public
4 school system; and

5 WHEREAS, the emphasis placed by Ms. Grohe on
6 community involvement in the educational experience of
7 children, and the forging of community and business
8 partnerships to facilitate that involvement, has
9 expanded the estimated number of such partnerships in
10 the Iowa City school district from approximately 25
11 when Ms. Grohe began as superintendent in 1990 to over
12 250 in 1998; and

13 WHEREAS, Ms. Grohe has been the author of an
14 extensive number of publications and a lecturer of
15 numerous presentations relating to many aspects of
16 American education, and has been the recipient of a
17 number of previous local and national education-
18 related honors and awards; and

19 WHEREAS, Ms. Grohe was recently named Iowa's
20 Superintendent of the Year, and is the first female to
21 be selected for this honor; and

22 WHEREAS, it was announced on February 27, 1998,
23 that Ms. Grohe has been named the National
24 Superintendent of the Year by a blue ribbon panel of
25 leaders in education, business, and government,
26 employing selection criteria which included leadership
27 for learning, communications skills, professional
28 development, and community involvement, from among the
29 50 state superintendents of the year at the American
30 Association of School Administrators National

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1 Conference on Education in San Diego, California; NOW
2 THEREFORE,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF
4 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the General Assembly
5 recognizes and honors Ms. Barbara Grohe for her
6 lifetime of work and achievement in the field of
7 education, for her commitment to ensuring that the
8 children of the state of Iowa receive the best
9 possible public education, and for her outstanding
10 accomplishment in being selected the 1998 National
11 Superintendent of the Year.

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

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