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1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 116
2 BY SZYMONIAK
3 (COMPANION TO LSB 4420HH BY CONNORS)
4 A Concurrent Resolution congratulating Dr. Joan
5 Roberts for being named the 1997 Iowa Secondary
6 Principal of the Year.
7 WHEREAS, Dr. Joan Roberts earned her undergraduate
8 degree in secondary education from the University of
9 Northern Iowa and her master's and doctorate degrees
10 from Drake University; and
11 WHEREAS, Dr. Roberts has worked within the Des
12 Moines Independent School District for 20 years,
13 serving since 1990 as the principal at Des Moines'
14 North High School; and
15 WHEREAS, North High School has a diverse
16 enrollment; and
17 WHEREAS, North High School has experienced
18 declining enrollment, high dropout and mobility rates,
19 and low academic achievement; and
20 WHEREAS, Dr. Roberts has been an energizing force
21 at North High School, which has in the past 12 years
22 doubled its enrollment, reduced its dropout rate to
23 less than five percent, tripled its enrollment in
24 advanced courses, and integrated case management and
25 support services for drug prevention, alcohol
26 prevention, violence prevention, and teen pregnancy
27 and parenting into the school program; and
28 WHEREAS, in the past five years, graduates of North
29 High School have earned more scholarship dollars on
30 average than the graduates from any other Des Moines

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1 high school; and

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

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

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

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an official copy of
25 this Concurrent Resolution be prepared for
26 presentation to Dr. Joan Roberts.

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