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1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13
2 BY DVORSKY, NEUHAUSER, HORN, McKEAN, TINSMAN,
3 McKIBBEN, HEDGE, and KRAMER
4 (COMPANION TO LSB 2425HH BY MASCHER)
5 A Concurrent Resolution recognizing the 150th anniver-
6 sary of the founding of the University of Iowa.
7 WHEREAS, Article XI, section 8, of the Constitution
8 of the State of Iowa permanently establishes the State
9 University, at Iowa City, in the County of Johnson;
10 and
11 WHEREAS, the Old Capitol located at the University
12 of Iowa housed the fifth legislative Assembly of the
13 Territory of Iowa in 1842 and then became the first
14 capitol of the State of Iowa in 1846; and
15 WHEREAS, the University of Iowa was founded on
16 February 25, 1847, only 59 days after Iowa became a
17 state; and
18 WHEREAS, the University of Iowa has awarded over
19 250,000 degrees since the university awarded the first
20 degree to Dexter Smith in 1858; and
21 WHEREAS, in 1855, the University of Iowa offered
22 admission to men and women on an equal basis; and
23 WHEREAS, in 1868, the University of Iowa School of
24 Law was the first law school in the United States
25 located west of the Mississippi River; and
26 WHEREAS, in 1872, the University of Iowa created
27 the first permanent college-level department of
28 education in the United States; and
29 WHEREAS, in 1873, a University of Iowa student,
30 Mary Hickey Wilkinson, received a law degree from the

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1 University of Iowa School of Law, becoming the first
2 woman in the United States to earn a law degree; and

3 WHEREAS, in 1879, a University of Iowa student,
4 Alexander Clark, Jr., received a law degree from the
5 University of Iowa School of Law, becoming one of the
6 first African-Americans in the United States to earn a
7 law degree; and

8 WHEREAS, in 1882, the University of Iowa Dental
9 Department was the first dental department in the
10 United States located west of the Mississippi River;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, in 1901, students at the University of
13 Iowa began publishing the first daily campus newspaper
14 west of the Mississippi River; and

15 WHEREAS, since 1905, 17 students from the
16 University of Iowa have been named Rhodes Scholars;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, in 1919, the University of Iowa
19 established a separate department of neurology, which
20 is the oldest continuing program west of the
21 Mississippi River; and

22 WHEREAS, in 1927, the University of Iowa became the
23 first state university to establish a School of
24 Religion; and

25 WHEREAS, in 1934, artist Grant Wood joined the
26 faculty of the Department of Graphic and Plastic Arts,
27 four years after painting "American Gothic"; and

28 WHEREAS, in 1936, the Writers' Workshop was
29 established as the first university-sponsored program
30 in creative writing in the United States, and boasts

1 such graduates as Flannery O'Connor, Gail Godwin, John
2 Irving, and Mona Van Duyn; and

3 WHEREAS, in 1938, the University of Iowa
4 established the first hospital pharmacy graduate
5 program in the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, in 1939, a University of Iowa student,
7 Nile C. Kinnick, was awarded the Heisman Trophy in
8 recognition of his achievements as a football player
9 for the University of Iowa football team; and

10 WHEREAS, since 1939, University of Iowa graduates
11 have earned 13 Pulitzer Prizes; and

12 WHEREAS, in 1948, the University of Iowa School of
13 Journalism awarded the first degree in mass
14 communication in the United States; and

15 WHEREAS, in 1955, the University of Iowa
16 established the first institute of agricultural
17 medicine and environmental health in the western
18 hemisphere; and

19 WHEREAS, in 1958, University of Iowa physics
20 professor James A. Van Allen discovered belts of
21 radiation surrounding the earth, a phenomenon that
22 eventually would be named the Van Allen Belts; and

23 WHEREAS, generations of students educated at the
24 University of Iowa have made tremendous contributions
25 to the betterment of the state, the country, and the
26 world; and

27 WHEREAS, the University of Iowa has distinguished
28 itself nationally and internationally in many academic
29 fields and endeavors; and

30 WHEREAS, facing a new century, the University of

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1 Iowa has made a renewed commitment to its core values
2 of learning, community, responsibility, integrity, and
3 quality; and

4 WHEREAS, the people of Iowa are invited to
5 celebrate the University of Iowa's Sesquicentennial
6 Year, marking 150 years of teaching, research, and
7 service to the State of Iowa and to the nation; NOW
8 THEREFORE,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF
10 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the Iowa General
11 Assembly recognizes and congratulates the University
12 of Iowa for 150 continuous years of providing
13 exemplary education for its students and providing
14 positive contributions to the quality of life of all
15 Iowans, and encourages the University of Iowa to
16 continue to fulfill the threefold mission of teaching,
17 research, and service.

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