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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 11
BY KRAMER

A Senate Resolution honoring Bob Brooks, Jim Zabel, and Ron Gonder for their dedication and enthusiasm in broadcasting University of Iowa Hawkeye sports.

WHEREAS, Bob Brooks of KHAK radio in Cedar Rapids has been broadcasting University of Iowa Hawkeye sporting events for 54 years; and

WHEREAS, Jim Zabel of WHO radio in Des Moines has been broadcasting University of Iowa Hawkeye sporting events for 50 years; and

WHEREAS, Ron Gonder of WMT radio in Cedar Rapids has been broadcasting University of Iowa Hawkeye sporting events for 28 years; and

WHEREAS, this trio of broadcasters has provided Iowans with a varied and entertaining choice of play-by-play announcing styles in bringing Iowa Hawkeye sports to the citizens of this state and across the country; and

WHEREAS, Iowans will miss the differing styles of enthusiasm and professionalism represented by these three broadcasters; and

WHEREAS, the University of Iowa has signed an exclusive contract for Hawkeye football and basketball radio broadcasts beginning with the 1997 football season, ending the play-by-play broadcasts of these three broadcasters; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Zabel, and Mr. Gonder will all continue to participate in new roles other than play-by-play announcing during future Iowa Hawkeye

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1 football and basketball broadcasts; and

2 WHEREAS, the Cedar Rapids Gazette online service
3 has aptly noted that "long after the microphone is
4 turned off, we will still hear echoes of 'How ya
5 doin', everybody' (Brooks), 'I love it! I love it! I
6 love it!' (Zabel), and 'Oh, bro-th-er!' (Gonder)"; NOW
7 THEREFORE,

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That tribute be paid
9 to Bob Brooks, Jim Zabel, and Ron Gonder and that they
10 be recognized and thanked by the people of Iowa for
11 their years of dedicated and professional service in
12 bringing University of Iowa Hawkeye football and
13 basketball to the people of Iowa.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the
15 Senate send copies of this Resolution to Bob Brooks,
16 Jim Zabel, and Ron Gonder.

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