

1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 118

2 BY SZYMONIAK

3 (COMPANION TO LSB 4411HH BY FALLON)

4 A Senate Resolution congratulating Dr. Joan Roberts for
5 being named the 1997 Iowa Secondary Principal of the
6 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 high minority
16 enrollment and serves students who are primarily from
17 middle and low-income families, many of whom qualify
18 for free or reduced price meals; and

19 WHEREAS, North High School has experienced the
20 problems often associated with urban schools,
21 including declining enrollment, high dropout and
22 mobility rates, and low academic achievement; and

23 WHEREAS, Dr. Roberts has been an energizing force
24 at North High School, which has in the past 12 years
25 doubled its enrollment, reduced its dropout rate to
26 less than five percent, tripled its enrollment in
27 advanced courses, and integrated case management and
28 support services for drug prevention, alcohol
29 prevention, violence prevention, and teen pregnancy
30 and parenting into the school program; and

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1 WHEREAS, in the past five years, graduates of North
2 High School have earned more scholarship dollars on
3 average than the graduates from any other Des Moines
4 high school; and

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

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

18 THEREFORE

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

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

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