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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 122

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A Senate Resolution honoring Mr. Walt Saur upon his retirement as Chairperson of the Iowa Board of Parole.

WHEREAS, Mr. Walt Saur has announced his retirement after two decades of service as chairperson of the Iowa Board of Parole; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Saur, as chairperson of the Board of Parole, has led the board to skillfully strike a fair balance between the needs of citizens for public safety through the continued incarceration of dangerous inmates and the desire to release inmates who are able and willing to fulfill the obligations of a law-abiding citizen; and

WHEREAS, during his service as chairperson, Mr. Saur promoted and implemented computerized recordkeeping for the Board of Parole which has greatly contributed to providing the Board of Parole with the information it needs to render good decisions; and

WHEREAS, the success of the Board of Parole under Mr. Saur's leadership is exemplified by the fact that approximately 19 percent of Iowa prison system parolees are reincarcerated, well below the 32 percent average recidivism rate for inmates in all state prison systems; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Parole is charged with the difficult and thankless job, critical to the efficient operation of the correctional system in this state, of determining whether a particular inmate has served a

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1 sufficient amount of time and can be safely released
2 from prison prior to the expiration of the inmate's
3 term, and therefore, members of the Board of Parole
4 including Chairperson Saur, deserve the thanks of all
5 Iowans for their public service; NOW THEREFORE,

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That tribute be paid
7 to Mr. Walt Saur for his devoted service to the Iowa
8 Board of Parole, the correctional system of this
9 state, and the citizens of this state, and, upon his
10 retirement, be wished health and happiness in the
11 years ahead; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an official copy of
13 this Rescution be prepared and presented to Mr. Walt
14 Saur.

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