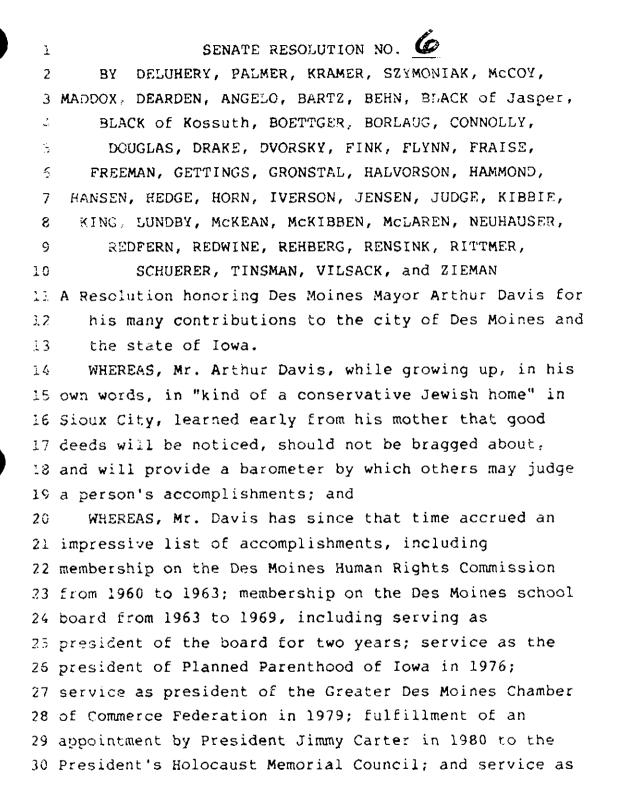
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1 the chairman of the Iowa Democratic Party from 1985 to 2 1987; and

3 WHEREAS, during these years, Mr. Davis was building 4 one of Des Moines' largest, most influential, and 5 prestigious law firms, now known as the firm of Davis, 6 Brown, Koehn, Shors & Roberts, P.C., but which has 7 most often been described through the years as "the 8 Davis firm"; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Davis' passion for community-building 10 was evidenced by his decision to run for mayor of Des 11 Moines in 1995; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Davis brought civility, elegance, and 13 a hearty, baritone voice to the office of mayor; and WHEREAS, Mr. Davis' fellow mayors in the Golden 14 15 Circle of Des Moines have expressed their respect for 16 him; applauded his concern for and efforts to 17 strengthen the relationship between Des Moines and the 18 suburban communities; praised his negotiating skills, 19 gentlemanly manner, integrity, and vision; and noted 20 the improvements and tough decisions Mr. Davis made in 21 his brief tenure in the mayor's office; and 22 WHEREAS, after learning of the recurrence of a 23 life-threatening illness in the summer of 1996, Mr. 24 Davis planned to serve out his term, but with much 25 regret announced on March 30, 1997, that the illness 26 forced him to make his decision to resign as mayor; 27 and

28 WHEREAS, although his time as mayor has been 29 limited in duration, Mr. Davis will be remembered for 30 his vigorous efforts to improve education, to

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implement a helpful police presence in the community,
 and to establish responsible budgetary practices; NOW
 THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate
Lonots Mr. Arthur Davis for his many accomplishments,
bis deep commitment to community service, and for the
benefits he brought to the city of Des Moines and all
the citizens of Iowa;

5 OR LT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate wishes 10 Mayor Davis strength, courage, and its hope that the 11 comfort and attention offered by his family and many 12 Friends will support and sustain him; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the 14 Senate send copies of this Resolution to Mayor Arthur 15 Davis and his family and to the Des Moines City 16 Council.



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