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1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 7
2 BY HAMMOND, VILSACK, DVORSKY, KRAMER, and GRONSTAL
3 (COMPANION TO LSB 2765HH BY DODERER)
4 A Senate Resolution honoring Mr. Michael Gartner for
5 winning the Pulitzer Prize for editorial writing.
6 WHEREAS, Mr. Gartner's maternal grandfather, Dr.
7 John Charles Gay, edited the Waterloo Morning Tribune
8 and Mr. Gartner's father, Mr. Carl Gartner, was an
9 editor for the Des Moines Register for more than 40
10 years, ensuring that the pundit's genetic code spelled
11 out "newspaperman"; and
12 WHEREAS, whenever Mr. Gartner's education and
13 career paths led him from Iowa, his self-professed
14 love for this state eventually enticed him to return;
15 and
16 WHEREAS, Mr. Gartner's educational path took him to
17 Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota, and New
18 York University where he received his juris doctorate
19 degree; and
20 WHEREAS, 14 years with the Wall Street Journal as a
21 reporter and editor, including five years as a page
22 one editor, prepared him for further career successes
23 as executive editor, and subsequently editor and
24 company president of the Des Moines Register and
25 Tribune; general news executive and subsequently
26 editor of the Gannett Company's Louisville Courier-
27 Journal and Times; president of NBC News; and for his
28 current full-time duties as editor and part-owner of
29 The Daily Tribune of Ames; and
30 WHEREAS, as a columnist for USA Today and the Wall

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1 Street Journal, commentator for Iowa public radio and
2 the Voice of America, and as a fellow at the Institute
3 of Politics at the Kennedy School of Government at
4 Harvard University, Mr. Gartner has ably represented
5 this state to the rest of the country; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Gartner has been praised for
7 transforming The Daily Tribune into a lively, well-
8 received community newspaper by emphasizing local news
9 and writing expressively about the problems of the
10 community of Ames and this state; and

11 WHEREAS, in an address to the joint convention of
12 the General Assembly on Pioneer Lawmakers' Day, March
13 28, 1995, the inveterate logophile described Iowa as
14 open, clean, and honest and observed that Iowans
15 believe in education, hard work, equality, and
16 selflessness; attributes which could also describe Mr.
17 Gartner; and

18 WHEREAS, journalism awards and service to
19 journalism are nothing new to Mr. Gartner, who served
20 as president of the American Society of Newspaper
21 Editors (ASNE); was a member of the Pulitzer Prize
22 Board for 10 years, serving as chairman in his final
23 year on the board; received the ASNE Distinguished
24 Writing Award for Editorial Writing and was runner-up
25 for that award for the following three years; and won
26 the Walker Stone Award for Editorial Writing; and

27 WHEREAS, the Pulitzer Prize is journalism's most
28 prestigious award; and

29 WHEREAS, it was announced on April 7, 1997, that
30 Michael Gartner of The Daily Tribune of Ames, Iowa, is

1 the recipient of the 1997 Pulitzer Prize for editorial
2 writing, based on nine editorials he wrote during 1996
3 for The Daily Tribune; NOW THEREFORE,

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate
5 recognize and honor Mr. Michael Gartner for his
6 lifetime of work and achievements, especially his
7 outstanding accomplishment in winning the 1997
8 Pulitzer Prize for editorial writing, and mark its
9 appreciation for his steadfast love and enthusiasm for
10 the people and the state of Iowa.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an official copy of
12 this Resolution be prepared for presentation to Mr.
13 Gartner.

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