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1 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.
2 BY HOUSER, FOEGE, GRUNDBERG, BURNETT,
3 HEATON, HANSEN, and JOCHUM

4 A House Concurrent Resolution recognizing the Annie E.
5 Casey Foundation for the Foundation's many contri-
6 butions to this state's efforts to the well-being of
7 Iowa's children and families through community-
8 based reforms.

9 WHEREAS, the grants provided to this state by the
10 Annie E. Casey Foundation have been used to support
11 child welfare funding decategorization initiatives and
12 to increase federal financial participation under
13 Titles IV-E and XIX of the federal Social Security
14 Act, thereby improving the provision of services to
15 children and families while more effectively using
16 resources; and

17 WHEREAS, the Foundation has nurtured Iowa's recent
18 efforts to improve results and the quality of public
19 services by funding staff support for Iowa's
20 innovation zone and community empowerment initiatives;
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22 WHEREAS, the Foundation has provided technical
23 assistance to review state juvenile institutions,
24 assessed child welfare information management systems,
25 supported the work of the Legislative Council's Human
26 Services Restructuring Task Force, facilitated
27 innovation zone and Iowa Empowerment Board planning,
28 and publicized nationally Iowa's efforts related to
29 these initiatives; and

30 WHEREAS, the Foundation is funding staff and

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1 technical support for the Legislative Council's Child
2 Welfare Services Work Group, including comprehensive
3 technical analyses of the of federal funding streams
4 for child welfare services; and

5 WHEREAS, the state-by-state Kids Count data
6 dissemination supported by the Foundation plays an
7 important role in highlighting the status of
8 children's well-being and is used in this state and
9 others to determine whether efforts to improve
10 children's well-being are achieving results; and

11 WHEREAS, prior to the selection of Mr. Doug Nelson
12 as the President of the Annie E. Casey Foundation, he
13 had extensive contact with initiatives in this state,
14 including providing technical assistance to Iowa in
15 developing family preservation services and initiating
16 early child welfare funding decategorization efforts;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, this significant assistance has been
19 continued by Mr. Ira Barbell and other Foundation
20 representatives in the years following Mr. Nelson's
21 direct involvement in Iowa; NOW THEREFORE,

22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE
23 SENATE CONCURRING, That the Iowa General Assembly
24 recognizes the significant role of the Annie E. Casey
25 Foundation in supporting Iowa's exemplary efforts to
26 improve the well-being of Iowa's children and families
27 through community-based services reforms, and extends
28 its appreciation to the Foundation and its board of
29 directors and staff on behalf of the citizens of Iowa;
30 and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Iowa General
2 Assembly conveys its special thanks to Mr. Nelson, Mr.
3 Barbell, and other representatives of the Annie E.
4 Casey Foundation for providing their expertise and
5 making strong personal efforts to assist Iowa's
6 service improvement initiatives; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Iowa General
8 Assembly expresses its desire that this fruitful
9 partnership between the state and community leaders
10 and the Annie E. Casey Foundation be continued to
11 allow for additional experimentation and
12 implementation of new and innovative approaches to
13 further the well-being of Iowa's children and families
14 with the hope that the approaches may be used in other
15 states.

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