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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 115

BY ARNOLD AND KREIMAN

1 A House Resolution honoring bass-baritone singer  
2 Simon Estes.

3 WHEREAS, Simon Estes was born in Centerville, Iowa,  
4 attended the University of Iowa and was granted an  
5 honorary degree from Iowa State University; and

6 WHEREAS, Simon Estes was admitted to the Julliard  
7 School of Music in New York City in 1964 and has been  
8 a professor at that esteemed institution since 1985;  
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10 WHEREAS, Simon Estes made his professional debut as  
11 Ramfis in Aida at the Deutsche Opera in Berlin in  
12 1965, his Bayreuth debut in 1978, and his Metropolitan  
13 Opera debut in 1982, and received the bronze medal at  
14 the Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow in 1966; and

15 WHEREAS, Simon Estes has gone on to perform  
16 internationally on the operatic and concert stages in  
17 over 100 roles, and has performed opera, show tunes,  
18 spirituals, and contemporary music; and

19 WHEREAS, Simon Estes has not forgotten his Iowa  
20 roots, and has conducted master classes; visited,  
21 lectured, and performed with students and community  
22 choruses and bands; and displayed his talent in  
23 numerous concert performances in his home state of  
24 Iowa, and received, in 1996, the Iowa Award from Iowa  
25 Governor Terry Branstad; and

26 WHEREAS, Simon Estes has been recognized as having  
27 a great talent and an extraordinary, imposing,  
28 voluminous, and elegant voice, and is considered one  
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1 of the leading bass-baritones in the world; and  
2 WHEREAS, Simon Estes has demonstrated his  
3 compassion and humanity by establishing the Simon  
4 Estes Educational Foundation in Oklahoma, which has  
5 awarded over \$1 million in merit-based scholarships;  
6 by establishing Children in Switzerland in 1993 to  
7 provide support for child health needs in Switzerland  
8 and Bulgaria; by establishing the Simon Estes School  
9 in South Africa; and by sponsoring, with Rotary  
10 District 6000, the attendance in Des Moines area high  
11 schools and performances by 40 musically gifted  
12 students from South Africa; NOW THEREFORE,  
13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
14 That the House of Representatives honors Iowan Simon  
15 Estes for his achievements as a vocal artist,  
16 recognizing not only his amazing talent and career  
17 accomplishments but his compassionate humanitarian  
18 efforts as well.

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