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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.

2 BY MASCHER, FOEGE, MYERS, and BRAUNS

3 A House Resolution honoring Representative

4 Minnette Doderer.

5 WHEREAS, Representative Minnette Doderer is
6 retiring from legislative office after completing two
7 and one-half terms in office as a State Senator and 12
8 terms in office as a State Representative; and

9 WHEREAS, Representative Doderer will have completed
10 more than 34 years as a state legislator upon her
11 retirement, having served in 18 General Assemblies;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Representative Doderer's distinguished
14 career as a state legislator has included service as
15 Senate President Pro Tempore during the Sixty-sixth
16 General Assembly, and as the Minority Whip during the
17 Sixty-second General Assembly; and

18 WHEREAS, Representative Doderer's service as an
19 elected leader in the Iowa General Assembly marked the
20 first occasion of a woman so serving, and set a
21 quality precedent for those women and men who
22 followed; and

23 WHEREAS, Representative Doderer's lengthy and
24 distinguished career has also included service as
25 Chairperson of the Public Health and State Government
26 Committees in the Senate; as Chairperson of the Ways
27 and Means, Small Business and Commerce, and Economic
28 Development and Trade Committees in the House; and as
29 Cochairperson of the General Assembly Women's Caucus;
30 and

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1 WHEREAS, Representative Doderer has served as an
2 outspoken advocate, educating, informing, debating,
3 challenging, and joining her colleagues in bringing to
4 the attention of the Iowa General Assembly complex and
5 controversial matters of civil and economic justice,
6 equality, privacy, and safety for all citizens of
7 Iowa; and

8 WHEREAS, Representative Doderer has sponsored and
9 has been instrumental in the passage of legislation
10 pertinent to Iowa women and their equality, playing an
11 instrumental role in the areas of comparable worth,
12 wage equity, and women in government service, working
13 to restructure the criminal code to protect women
14 victims of sexual assault, representing the interests
15 of the victims of domestic assault, and sponsoring an
16 amendment to change masculine pronouns in the Code of
17 Iowa to gender-neutral words; and

18 WHEREAS, Representative Doderer has also sponsored
19 and been instrumental in the enactment of legislation
20 establishing programs to protect the welfare of
21 children, including the mandatory immunization of
22 children, the mandatory reporting of child abuse,
23 juvenile justice reform, and the protection of unwed
24 mothers; and

25 WHEREAS, Representative Doderer's record of
26 leadership and service is not limited to the Iowa
27 General Assembly, but has encompassed membership and
28 leadership positions in Iowa associations and
29 organizations, national associations, and political
30 party organizations, and service as a faculty member

1 at educational institutions; and

2 WHEREAS, in the State of Iowa, Representative
3 Doderer has served as a founding member of the Iowa
4 Women's Political Caucus, and as a member of the
5 League of Women Voters of Iowa, the Iowa Civil
6 Liberties Union, the Iowa Health Facilities
7 Commission, the Organization of Business and
8 Professional Women, and the Iowa Educational
9 Broadcasting Network Advisory Committee; and as a
10 member of the Board of United Cerebral Palsy of Iowa,
11 the Iowa Center for Education in Politics, and the
12 Governor's Task Force on Early Childhood Development;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, in the national arena, Representative
15 Doderer has served as a Commissioner of the Education
16 Commission of the States, a Director of the National
17 Society of State Legislators, the Vice Chair of the
18 Budget and Taxation Committee of the National
19 Conference of State Legislatures, and as a member of
20 the National Organization of Women and the Women's
21 Equity Action League; and

22 WHEREAS, in her political party, Representative
23 Doderer has served as Vice Chair of the Johnson County
24 Democratic Party, as a member of the National
25 Democratic Policy Council, and as the Democratic
26 National Committeewoman from Iowa; and

27 WHEREAS, Representative Doderer has served as a
28 Visiting Professor at Stephens College in Missouri, a
29 Visiting Professor at Iowa State University, and as a
30 member of the Board of Fellows of the University of

1 Iowa School of Religion; and

2 WHEREAS, Representative Doderer has been recognized
3 with many honors and awards, including the following:
4 the Iowa Civil Liberties Award, 1978; induction into
5 the Iowa Women's Hall of Fame, 1979; Special Award,
6 Iowa City's Outstanding Woman; Outstanding Citizen's
7 Award, Women Journalism Students of the University of
8 Iowa; East High School Hall of Fame, East High School,
9 Waterloo; Iowa State Education Association Good
10 Citizenship Medal; Sons of the American Revolution,
11 Distinguished Legislative Service Award; Friend of
12 Education Award, Iowa City, 1986; Cristine Wilson
13 Medal for Equality and Justice, 1989; ERA Tribute,
14 1992; Gold Seal Award, Iowa Coalition Against Domestic
15 Violence, 1995; Iowa City Senior Center Woman of the
16 Year, 1995; Feminist of the Year Award, 1996; Friend
17 of Nursing Award, 1996; Citation from The American
18 Academy of Pediatrics for sponsorship of legislation
19 for postdelivery benefits and care of Iowa's infants,
20 1996; Business and Professional Women, Woman of
21 Achievement Award, 1997; and the Reproductive Rights
22 Award, 1998; and

23 WHEREAS, Representative Doderer has served
24 honorably and has unselfishly given of her time and
25 efforts to further the interests of the State of Iowa
26 and to provide beneficial programs for the citizens of
27 Iowa, and has been an influential and devoted
28 legislator in this state; NOW THEREFORE,

29 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
30 That the House pay tribute to Representative Minnette

1 Doderer for her devoted service to the Iowa General
2 Assembly and the citizens of this state and wish her
3 the very best in the years ahead; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an official copy of
5 this Resolution be prepared and presented to
6 Representative Doderer.

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