

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 6

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1 A Senate Resolution to honor posthumously United
2 States Presidents Thomas Jefferson and
3 Herbert C. Hoover, by hanging their
4 portraits in the Senate chamber.

5 WHEREAS, the end of a millennium is fast
6 approaching and former Presidents Jefferson and Hoover
7 have made innumerable contributions to the United
8 States of America as well as the State of Iowa; and

9 WHEREAS, Thomas Jefferson, third President of the
10 United States, and one of the most brilliant men in
11 American history, has left a long-standing legacy not
12 only in this country, but across the world; and

13 WHEREAS, Thomas Jefferson, a strong advocate of
14 democracy and the rights of the individual, was
15 instrumental in the colonial fight for freedom, was
16 the author of the Declaration of Independence, one of
17 the greatest documents ever written, and was
18 influential in inspiring the Bill of Rights; and

19 WHEREAS, Thomas Jefferson was responsible for one
20 of the largest territorial acquisitions in American
21 history, the Louisiana Purchase, which included what
22 is now the State of Iowa; and

23 WHEREAS, Thomas Jefferson dedicated his life to
24 public service, not only as President, but as
25 Secretary of State under George Washington and Vice
26 President under John Adams, as well as numerous state
27 government positions he held in the State of Virginia;
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1 WHEREAS, Herbert C. Hoover, thirty-first President
2 of the United States, son of Jesse Clark Hoover and
3 Huldah Minthorn Hoover, of West Branch, Iowa, is the
4 only person from this state to have held that office;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Herbert Hoover, known as the "Great
7 Humanitarian," donated most of his life to the service
8 of others, organizing and presiding over numerous
9 organizations such as the Belgian Relief Committee,
10 the Boys Clubs of America, the Famine Emergency
11 Commission, the American Child Health Association, and
12 the Hoover Commissions; and

13 WHEREAS, Herbert Hoover and his administration
14 either proposed or approved many pieces of legislation
15 that had a direct impact on this state, including the
16 establishment of the Federal Farm Board, the
17 Agricultural Marketing Act of 1929, the Child's Bill
18 of Rights, as well as a proposal for creating a
19 federal department of education; and

20 WHEREAS, the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library-
21 Museum in West Branch, Iowa, is home to thousands of
22 historical documents, and has served more than 2.5
23 million visitors from around the world, as well as
24 sponsoring the research of more than 2,000 scholars,
25 NOW THEREFORE,

26 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That Presidents
27 Thomas Jefferson and Herbert C. Hoover be posthumously
28 recognized by the Iowa Senate for their
29 accomplishments as exceptional leaders and
30 representatives of democracy as the end of the

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1 twentieth century approaches; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That as a millennium comes
3 to an end, the Iowa Senate honor the accomplishments
4 of former Presidents Thomas Jefferson and Herbert C.
5 Hoover by hanging their respective portraits on the
6 marble columns of the Senate chamber's north wall or
7 another appropriate place.

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