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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 130

BY SIEGRIST, RANTS, and MYERS

1 A Resolution honoring Virginia Rowen upon her
2 retirement and recognizing her many contributions
3 to the House of Representatives and the General
4 Assembly.

5 WHEREAS, Virginia Rowen is retiring this year after
6 serving the House of Representatives and the General
7 Assembly for 26 years; and

8 WHEREAS, Virginia Rowen began her career with the
9 House of Representatives as a Supply Clerk in 1976,
10 then worked as a Member's Secretary beginning in 1977,
11 and became Supervisor of Secretaries in 1983; and

12 WHEREAS, as Supervisor of Secretaries, Virginia
13 Rowen taught countless employees of the House of
14 Representatives the old Mapper Computer System which
15 was the only system available in the 1980s; and

16 WHEREAS, Virginia Rowen helped create the popular
17 Tilde Awards Banquet for the secretaries and staff
18 that was held each spring just before adjournment, and
19 was the first recipient of the annual Tilde Award; and

20 WHEREAS, Virginia Rowen became a computer trainer
21 as well as continuing as Supervisor of Secretaries for
22 the House of Representatives in 1989 and joined the
23 Legislative Computer Support Bureau as a Computer
24 System Analyst in 1993; and

25 WHEREAS, Virginia Rowen's computer expertise was
26 matched only by her patience and professionalism in
27 assisting legislative staff with any and all computer
28 needs; and

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1 WHEREAS, Virginia Rowen was not only a teacher but
2 also a counselor to many secretaries and
3 representatives and she was always available to help
4 with any problem at her desk in the hallway behind the
5 chamber of the House of Representatives; and

6 WHEREAS, Virginia Rowen is also the loving wife of
7 Donald Rowen, the devoted mother of five children, and
8 the proud grandmother of eight grandchildren; NOW
9 THEREFORE,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
11 That the House of Representatives honors Virginia
12 Rowen for her many years of service to the House of
13 Representatives, to the General Assembly, and to the
14 citizens of Iowa; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of
16 Representatives bids Virginia Rowen a fond farewell
17 and wishes her the very best in the years ahead; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an official copy of
19 this Resolution be prepared and presented to Virginia
20 Rowen.

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