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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 105

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A Senate Resolution honoring Goodwill Industries International in its centennial year.

WHEREAS, Goodwill Industries International, Inc. turns 100 years old in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Goodwill Industries International is the world's largest private sector employer of people with disabilities and has served more than 5 million people in its first 100 years; and

WHEREAS, Goodwill member organizations help individuals succeed in the workplace and in life by providing job training, job placement, and support for people with physical, financial, and educational challenges; and

WHEREAS, five autonomous Goodwills serve the State of Iowa, with services provided in all quadrants of the state, including Sioux City, Waterloo, Des Moines, Council Bluffs, and Iowa City; and

WHEREAS, the five Goodwills serving Iowa make a significant contribution in the reduction, reuse, and recycling of goods by diverting millions of pounds of household goods from Iowa landfills each year; and

WHEREAS, the founder of Goodwill Industries International, Dr. Edgar J. Helms, had Iowa roots, having arrived in Iowa by covered wagon in 1865, spending his youth on a farm near East Lake Okoboji, working on newspapers in Spirit Lake, Peterson, and Sioux Rapids, and receiving his college degree from Cornell College in Mount Vernon; and

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1 WHEREAS, the vision of Goodwill Industries is more
2 than 100 years old, but the concept and practice
3 remains relevant today, with 180 member organizations
4 in the United States, Canada, and the Pacific Basin,
5 and another 45 associate member organizations located
6 in 34 countries; and

7 WHEREAS, Goodwill Industries has changed and
8 adapted today to meet the needs of society; the three
9 concepts of Goodwill as envisioned by Dr. Helms --
10 Community, Independence, Dignity -- remain constant
11 and are embodied in the provision of work which
12 enables individuals to contribute and participate in
13 the economic and social vitality of the community,
14 which gives the satisfaction and freedom of self-
15 support, and which fosters self-esteem and the pride
16 of accomplishment; and

17 WHEREAS, the Council of Iowa Goodwill Industries
18 served more than 4,000 men, women, and children in
19 2001; NOW THEREFORE,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That Dr. Edgar J.
21 Helms be regarded as an Iowa treasure, whose
22 leadership and vision gave birth to Goodwill
23 Industries International, Inc., and to the
24 establishment of five member Goodwills serving the
25 State of Iowa, thereby creating opportunities for and
26 helping thousands of Iowans toward brighter futures;
27 and

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate extends its
29 thanks and congratulations to Goodwill Industries
30 International, Inc. and the five Goodwills that serve

1 the State of Iowa as they celebrate their centennial
2 year in 2002; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the
4 Senate prepare an official copy of this Resolution to
5 be presented to Goodwill Industries International,
6 Inc. and the five Goodwills that serve the State of
7 Iowa.

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