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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 5

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1 A Resolution recognizing the achievements of Nancy Coover
2 Andreasen.

3 WHEREAS, Nancy Coover Andreasen, M.D., Ph.D., the
4 Andrew Woods Chair of Psychiatry, University of Iowa
5 College of Medicine, Editor of the American Journal of
6 Psychiatry, and author of hundreds of articles and
7 books including "The Broken Brain: The Biological
8 Revolution in Psychiatry" in 1984, is recognized
9 internationally for her distinguished contributions as
10 an educator, author, researcher, and provider of
11 mental health services in the field of psychiatry; and

12 WHEREAS, in her over 30 years of study and research
13 in the field of psychiatry, Dr. Andreasen has been a
14 leader and a visionary in her profession by, in
15 addition to her vast number of other accomplishments,
16 developing a tool to evaluate psychiatric
17 abnormalities and to rank their severity, which
18 evolved into a tool to rate symptoms of schizophrenia
19 becoming a "citation classic," cited more than the
20 works of Sigmund and Anna Freud combined; utilizing
21 neuroimaging to pinpoint and measure the biological
22 basis of human behavior in mental illness,
23 particularly schizophrenia; and being the first to
24 demonstrate a relationship between manic-depressive
25 illness and creativity; and

26 WHEREAS, while Dr. Andreasen has been recognized by
27 her peers for her contributions to her profession with
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1 numerous honors and awards, she is also recognized for
2 her compassion toward her patients, as an advocate for
3 persons with chronic mental illness, and as a person
4 who through her unique ability to make brain research
5 understandable to the public has provided relief and
6 hope to persons with mental illness and their
7 families; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Andreasen once analogized the need for
9 a vision of the future in scientific research to
10 hockey, recalling a quote from Wayne Gretzky: "I
11 skate to where the puck will be, not to where it is";
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Andreasen has received numerous
14 honors, including most recently the President's
15 National Medal of Science on December 1, 2000, which
16 has only been awarded to 374 distinguished scientists
17 and engineers and to only three Iowans since its
18 inception in 1959; and

19 WHEREAS, the inscription on the President's
20 National Medal of Science awarded to Dr. Andreasen
21 reads, "For her pivotal contributions to the social
22 and behavioral sciences, through the integrative study
23 of mind, brain, and behavior, by joining behavioral
24 science with the technologies of neuroscience and
25 neuroimaging in order to understand mental processes
26 such as memory and creativity, and mental illnesses
27 such as schizophrenia"; and

28 WHEREAS, Dr. Andreasen's humility in the midst of
29 all the acclaim is best typified by her own words in
30 acknowledging her most recent award: "I am a firm

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1 believer that the importance of one's work is the
2 process of doing it, not in getting awards. When I
3 die, I don't care what prizes I won. I care about
4 what contributions I can make through my work"; NOW
5 THEREFORE,

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate
7 recognizes Dr. Andreasen not only as an award-winning,
8 internationally acknowledged psychiatrist, educator,
9 researcher, and author, but as an Iowa treasure who
10 through her genuine compassion and dedication has
11 improved the lives of and has provided hope and
12 understanding to persons with mental illness and their
13 families.

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