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A Resolution recognizing the achievements of Nancy Coover  
Andreasen.

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

WHEREAS, in her over 30 years of study and research  
in the field of psychiatry, Dr. Andreasen has been a  
leader and a visionary in her profession by, in  
addition to her vast number of other accomplishments,  
developing a tool to evaluate psychiatric  
abnormalities and to rank their severity, which  
evolved into a tool to rate symptoms of schizophrenia  
becoming a "citation classic," cited more than the  
works of Sigmund and Anna Freud combined; utilizing

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1 neuroimaging to pinpoint and measure the biological  
2 basis of human behavior in mental illness,  
3 particularly schizophrenia; and being the first to  
4 demonstrate a relationship between manic-depressive  
5 illness and creativity; and

6 WHEREAS, while Dr. Andreasen has been recognized by  
7 her peers for her contributions to her profession with  
8 numerous honors and awards, she is also recognized for  
9 her compassion toward her patients, as an advocate for  
10 persons with chronic mental illness, and as a person  
11 who through her unique ability to make brain research  
12 understandable to the public has provided relief and  
13 hope to persons with mental illness and their  
14 families; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Andreasen once analogized the need for  
16 a vision of the future in scientific research to  
17 hockey, recalling a quote from Wayne Gretzky: "I  
18 skate to where the puck will be, not to where it is";  
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Andreasen has received numerous  
21 honors, including most recently the President's  
22 National Medal of Science on December 1, 2000, which  
23 has only been awarded to 374 distinguished scientists  
24 and engineers and to only three Iowans since its  
25 inception in 1959; and

26 WHEREAS, the inscription on the President's  
27 National Medal of Science awarded to Dr. Andreasen  
28 reads, "For her pivotal contributions to the social  
29 and behavioral sciences, through the integrative study  
30 of mind, brain, and behavior, by joining behavioral

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1 science with the technologies of neuroscience and  
2 neuroimaging in order to understand mental processes  
3 such as memory and creativity, and mental illnesses  
4 such as schizophrenia"; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Andreasen's humility in the midst of  
6 all the acclaim is best typified by her own words in  
7 acknowledging her most recent award: "I am a firm  
8 believer that the importance of one's work is the  
9 process of doing it, not in getting awards. When I  
10 die, I don't care what prizes I won. I care about  
11 what contributions I can make through my work"; NOW  
12 THEREFORE,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate  
14 recognizes Dr. Andreasen not only as an award-winning,  
15 internationally acknowledged psychiatrist, educator,  
16 researcher, and author, but as an Iowa treasure who  
17 through her genuine compassion and dedication has  
18 improved the lives of and has provided hope and  
19 understanding to persons with mental illness and their  
20 families.

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