

1 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 113

2 BY RAECKER

3 A Concurrent Resolution recognizing the 25th  
4 anniversary of the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation.

5 WHEREAS, June 21, 2004, marks the 25th anniversary  
6 of the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation, a nonprofit  
7 Iowa organization dedicated to protecting, preserving,  
8 and enhancing Iowa's natural resources for future  
9 generations; and

10 WHEREAS, the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation was  
11 created by then-Governor Robert D. Ray and concerned  
12 private citizens as a nonpartisan means of uniting  
13 government, business, and private citizens for the  
14 express purpose of protecting Iowa's valuable natural  
15 resources; and

16 WHEREAS, Iowans today and future generations need  
17 clean water, a biologically diverse and scenic  
18 landscape, and outdoor recreation opportunities to  
19 ensure the state's quality of life and the economic  
20 well-being of Iowa communities; and

21 WHEREAS, in its first 25 years, the Iowa Natural  
22 Heritage Foundation has helped protect more than  
23 75,000 acres of Iowa's special places; developed more  
24 than half of Iowa's extensive rail-trail system;  
25 restored and reconstructed natural ecosystems;  
26 improved water quality in key Iowa watersheds; created  
27 conservation education programs for schools and  
28 landowners; and served as a catalyst and leader on  
29 conservation issues ranging from regional planning to  
30 state and federal funding opportunities; and

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1 WHEREAS, the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation has  
2 accomplished these goals not through divisive  
3 approaches but by actively involving partners,  
4 including local, state, and federal governments;  
5 private landowners; community volunteers; business and  
6 agricultural groups; and other conservation  
7 organizations; and

8 WHEREAS, the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation's  
9 innovation and leadership are needed today more than  
10 ever to protect Iowa's natural resources for the  
11 future; NOW THEREFORE,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE  
13 SENATE CONCURRING, That the Iowa General Assembly  
14 recognizes the significant contributions made by the  
15 Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation for Iowa's land,  
16 water, wildlife, and people over the past 25 years;  
17 and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Iowa General  
19 Assembly expresses the grateful appreciation of the  
20 state of Iowa for the many ways the Iowa Natural  
21 Heritage Foundation effectively leads, shapes, and  
22 supports conservation efforts in Iowa; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage of this  
24 resolution, the Chief Clerk of the House of  
25 Representatives shall cause an official copy of this  
26 resolution to be provided to the Iowa Natural Heritage  
27 Foundation.

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