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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 113

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1 A Resolution honoring the Iowa Democratic Party and the
2 Republican Party of Iowa for outstanding achievements in
3 bringing about nationwide recognition for the 2004
4 presidential precinct caucuses.
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6 WHEREAS, every two years the major political
7 parties in the State of Iowa hold precinct caucuses to
8 select delegates from each major political party to
9 attend the county conventions; and
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11 WHEREAS, since 1976, the precinct caucuses held in
12 presidential election years by the two major political
13 parties have been used for determining support for
14 presidential candidates and have served as the
15 nation's first important test of the presidential
16 candidates; and

17 WHEREAS, Iowa voters are civic-minded citizens who
18 take their caucus responsibilities seriously; and

19 WHEREAS, the presidential precinct caucuses held in
20 January 2004 benefited Iowa's economy by bringing
21 thousands of volunteers to the state for several
22 months, by serving as a base for national media and
23 for nationally telecast news and interview shows, and
24 by showcasing Iowa to citizens throughout the world;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, Gordon Fischer, Chairman of the Iowa
27 Democratic Party, ably served as a spokesperson for
28 the Iowa Democratic Party during the caucuses,
29 coordinating the efforts of thousands of Democratic
30 Party activists as the Iowa Democratic Party

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1 successfully hosted caucuses in the 1,997 precincts,
2 and allowed preferences among the many Democratic
3 presidential candidates to be considered and
4 candidates to be selected by the participants; and
5 WHEREAS, Leon Mosley, Cochairman of the Republican
6 Party of Iowa, ably served as a spokesperson for the
7 Republican Party of Iowa during the caucuses,
8 coordinating the efforts of thousands of Republican
9 Party activists as the Republican Party of Iowa
10 successfully hosted caucuses in the 1,997 precincts
11 and allowed the participants to record their support
12 for President George W. Bush and to work on party
13 platforms for the 2004 general election; NOW

14 THEREFORE,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
16 That the House of Representatives extends its
17 heartiest congratulations to the Iowa Democratic Party
18 and the Republican Party of Iowa, for their
19 outstanding achievements in bringing about nationwide
20 recognition for the January 2004 presidential precinct
21 caucuses; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an official copy of
23 this Resolution be prepared and presented to Chairman
24 Gordon Fischer of the Iowa Democratic Party and to
25 Cochairman Leon Mosley of the Republican Party of
26 Iowa.

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