

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 133

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A Resolution honoring Dr. John T. Blong, Chancellor of
Eastern Iowa Community College District.

WHEREAS, Dr. John T. Blong has provided outstanding
leadership for Eastern Iowa Community College District
as chancellor since 1986; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Blong has announced his retirement
this June as Chancellor of Eastern Iowa Community
College District, ending a distinguished 37-year
career in Iowa's community colleges; and

WHEREAS, in his 18 years as chancellor, Eastern
Iowa Community College District has become synonymous
with innovation and excellence; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Blong instituted a Continuous Quality
Improvement initiative, a national environmental
training center, and innovative international
education activities that have garnered Eastern Iowa
Community College District national recognition; and

WHEREAS, Eastern Iowa Community College District is
the first and only educational institution to win the
state quality award, the Iowa Recognition for
Performance Excellence; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Blong has developed numerous
partnerships with educational institutions, business
and industry, community organizations, and local
governments that have expanded the capacity of all
parties to meet eastern Iowans' educational and career
training needs; and

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1 WHEREAS, Dr. Blong has provided outstanding
2 leadership at the state and national level during a
3 period of great growth and expansion of the role of
4 community colleges; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Blong has been honored as both Central
6 Region and National Chief Executive Officer of the
7 Year in 2003 by the Association of Community College
8 Trustees; NOW THEREFORE,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
10 That the House of Representatives recognizes Dr. John
11 T. Blong for his dedication to Eastern Iowa Community
12 College District, its students, and its communities,
13 and honors his efforts to establish Eastern Iowa
14 Community College District as a role model for
15 community colleges throughout Iowa and the nation; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, the
17 Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives shall
18 cause an official copy of this Resolution to be
19 prepared for presentation to Dr. John T. Blong,
20 Chancellor of Eastern Iowa Community College District.

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