

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 142

1 BY MILLER, MADDOX, ALONS, ARNOLD, BAUDLER, BELL,
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3 CHAMBERS, COHOON, CONNORS, DANDEKAR, DAVITT, DE BOEF,
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5 FALLON, FOEGE, FORD, FREEMAN, FREVERT, GASKILL,
6 GIPP, GRANZOW, GREIMANN, GREINER, HAHN, HANSON,
7 HEATON, HEDDENS, HOFFMAN, HOGG, HORBACH, HUNTER,
8 HUSEMAN, HUSER, HUTTER, JACOBS, JACOBY, JENKINS,
9 JOCHUM, JONES, KLEMME, KRAMER, KUHN, KURTENBACH,
10 LALK, LENSING, LUKAN, LYKAM, MANTERNACH, MASCHER,
11 MCCARTHY, MERTZ, MURPHY, OLDSO, D. OLSON, S. OLSON,
12 OSTERHAUS, PAULSEN, PETERSEN, QUIRK, RAECKER, RANTS,
13 RASMUSSEN, RAYHONS, REASONER, ROBERTS, SANDS,
14 SCHICKEL, SHOMSHOR, SHOULTZ, SMITH, STEVENS, STRUYK,
15 SWAIM, D. TAYLOR, T. TAYLOR, THOMAS, TJEPKES,
16 TYMESON, UPMEYER, VAN ENGELHOF, J. K. VAN FOSSEN,
17 J. R. VAN FOSSEN, WATTS, WENDT, WHITAKER, WHITEAD,
18 WILDERDYKE, WINCKLER, and WISE

19 A Resolution honoring the National Bar Association for
20 its important contributions to the legal profession
21 and the judicial process.

22 WHEREAS, the National Bar Association was organized
23 on August 1, 1925, in Des Moines, Iowa, to serve as an
24 organization for African-American lawyers; and

25 WHEREAS, the objectives of the National Bar
26 Association are to advance the science of
27 jurisprudence, improve the administration of justice,
28 preserve the independence of the judiciary, uphold the
29 honor and integrity of the legal profession, promote

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1 legislation that will improve the economic condition
2 of all American citizens, regardless of race, sex, or
3 creed, and protect the civil and political rights of
4 all United States citizens; and

5 WHEREAS, the National Bar Association is the
6 nation's oldest and largest national association
7 representing African-American lawyers and jurists,
8 with 84 affiliate chapters in the United States and
9 with affiliates in several countries, representing a
10 professional network of over 20,000 lawyers, judges,
11 educators, and law students; and

12 WHEREAS, the National Bar Association has an
13 illustrative history of filing amicus briefs in
14 support of civil rights, championing the pro bono
15 legal movement, providing legal assistance to needy
16 individuals, and supporting equal opportunity and
17 voting rights; and

18 WHEREAS, the National Bar Association sponsors
19 college scholarships and a legal camp to introduce
20 high school students to the legal profession, and has
21 provided law school officials with an assessment of
22 recruitment, retention, and placement of minority law
23 students; and

24 WHEREAS, the National Bar Association developed a
25 judicial selection process to ensure gains in minority
26 judgeships through the federal Omnibus Judgeship Act,
27 sponsored a summit among minority bar associations
28 nationwide, and has engaged in a host of other
29 activities to support the growth of minorities in the
30 legal and judicial professions; and

1 WHEREAS, the National Bar Association has conducted
2 commercial law seminars to promote minority business
3 ownership, held the first Black-on-Black Crime
4 Conference, and promoted minority business enterprises
5 through technical assistance and education programs;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, the National Bar Association has supported
8 efforts to promote equality and justice around the
9 world, including providing observers to the first all-
10 race democratic election in South Africa, and
11 providing delegations to assist economic and political
12 developments in other African countries; NOW
13 THEREFORE,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
15 That the House of Representatives recognizes the
16 important contributions of the National Bar
17 Association in promoting equality and justice through
18 responsible legal methods, not only in the United
19 States but around the world, and that the organizing
20 event which led to the founding of the National Bar
21 Association represents a historical milestone in the
22 history of Iowa.

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