

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 152

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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

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1 training needs; and

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

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

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

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

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