

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 153

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A Resolution honoring Harlan Community Schools for their achievements in academics, music, vocational training, and sports.

WHEREAS, Harlan Community Schools have recently excelled in numerous curricular and extracurricular activities, and have been recognized for significant achievements, especially in the area of academic performance; and

WHEREAS, last year Harlan Community High School seniors averaged a score of 23.5 on ACT tests, exceeding both national and state averages, as has occurred for many years; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Report on Iowa Student Achievement and Accountability prepared by the Department of Education for 2004 lists Harlan Community Schools as scoring among the top 5 percent of Iowa's fourth and eighth grade students in the areas of math and reading; and

WHEREAS, the Harlan Community School Marching Band has received 22 consecutive number-one ratings at marching band contests; and

WHEREAS, Harlan Community School Jazz Bands have never placed lower than fourth in state jazz contests over 30 years, including two first-place finishes; and

WHEREAS, Harlan Community Schools have recently qualified four teams for the national Destination Imagination Contest in Knoxville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Harlan Community Future Farmers of

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1 America (FFA) is the largest chapter in the state and
2 this year is being recognized by the state FFA as the
3 Outstanding FFA Chapter in Iowa; and

4 WHEREAS, the Harlan Community High School Boys'
5 Basketball Team won the 2004 Class 3A State
6 Championship with a 27-0 record; and

7 WHEREAS, seventh, eighth, and ninth grade, and
8 reserve teams were all undefeated this basketball
9 season; and

10 WHEREAS, the Boys' Football Team won the 2003 Class
11 3A State Championship with a 13-0 record, thus placing
12 first or second for 17 years out of the last 30 years;
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14 WHEREAS, the Boys' Track Team won the 2003 Class 3A
15 State Championship; and

16 WHEREAS, the Boys' Baseball Team won the 2003 Class
17 3A State Championship with a 29-7 record; and

18 WHEREAS, the boys' baseball, football, and
19 basketball teams recorded 57 consecutive wins through
20 their respective seasons; and

21 WHEREAS, the students of Harlan Community School
22 have demonstrated the kind of character and
23 competitive spirit valued by their schools, their
24 community, and the State of Iowa, NOW THEREFORE,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
26 That the House of Representatives congratulates the
27 students, parents, teachers, and administrators of the
28 Harlan Community Schools for their many achievements
29 and thanks them for the honor and recognition they
30 have brought to their school and to the State of Iowa;

1 and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon adoption, an
3 official copy of this Resolution be prepared for
4 presentation to the Superintendent of the Harlan
5 Community Schools for sharing with the entire Harlan
6 community.

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