

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 116

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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.

5 WHEREAS, every two years the major political
6 parties in the State of Iowa hold precinct caucuses to
7 select delegates from each major political party to
8 attend the county conventions; and

9 WHEREAS, since 1976, the precinct caucuses held in
10 presidential election years by the two major political
11 parties have been used for determining support for
12 presidential candidates and have served as the
13 nation's first important test of the presidential
14 candidates; and

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

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

24 WHEREAS, Gordon Fischer, Chairman of the Iowa
25 Democratic Party, ably served as a spokesperson for
26 the Iowa Democratic Party during the caucuses,
27 coordinating the efforts of thousands of Democratic
28 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 SENATE, That the Senate
16 extends its heartiest congratulations to the Iowa
17 Democratic Party and the Republican Party of Iowa, for
18 their outstanding achievements in bringing about
19 nationwide recognition for the January 2004
20 presidential precinct caucuses; and

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

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