

1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 126
2 BY KREIMAN, MCKINLEY, and JOHNSON
3 A Resolution honoring Robert K. Beck for his
4 accomplishments in service to the people of Iowa as
5 a civic leader, state legislator, and newspaperman.
6 WHEREAS, Robert K. Beck was born on July 17, 1915,
7 in Centerville and began his newspaper career as a
8 teenager working at the Daily Iowegian, and went on to
9 become general manager of the newspaper by 1945, and
10 owner by 1950; and
11 WHEREAS, Mr. Beck lived in southern Iowa nearly all
12 his life, graduating from Centerville High School in
13 1933 and earning a bachelor's degree from Iowa
14 Wesleyan College in 1937; and
15 WHEREAS, Mr. Beck's civic service to the state
16 began with his term as a member of the Iowa House of
17 Representatives from 1953 to 1955; and
18 WHEREAS, Mr. Beck twice tried unsuccessfully to
19 serve the state as governor, campaigning in 1966, and
20 against Robert Ray in 1968; and
21 WHEREAS, Mr. Beck's leadership skills served his
22 community well as he successfully attracted industrial
23 companies to the area when he served as Centerville's
24 industrial chairman; and
25 WHEREAS, Mr. Beck was a driving force in the
26 construction of Rathbun Lake, which offers year-round
27 recreational opportunities and drinking water to the
28 surrounding area; and
29 WHEREAS, Mr. Beck continued to write a weekly
30 column about history and life in Centerville until

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1 well into his eighties; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Beck is remembered as a tireless,
3 irreplaceable member of his community, giving to a
4 fault, and constantly involved in the betterment of
5 his community; and

6 WHEREAS, for over 60 years, Robert and his wife
7 Charlotte teamed up to plead, persuade, lead, and
8 cajole Centerville people and friends of Centerville
9 to believe in themselves and their fine city; NOW
10 THEREFORE,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the General
12 Assembly honors Mr. Robert K. Beck posthumously for
13 his many civic and professional achievements and
14 contributions to the betterment of this state; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the
16 Senate shall deliver copies of this Resolution to Mrs.
17 Charlotte Beck, Tom Beck, and Barbara Beck Climie, all
18 of Centerville; and to Martha Beck Hoch of Chariton.

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