

1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 129

2 BY IVERSON

3 A Resolution to recognize Technical Sergeant Brian Dutcher  
4 of the Iowa Air National Guard and his employer, Iowa  
5 Select Farms, for their receipt of the George W. Bush  
6 Award.

7 WHEREAS, the George W. Bush Award recognizes a  
8 traditional national guardsman who has made  
9 significant contributions to the Air National Guard;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, the George W. Bush Award also recognizes  
12 the national guardsman's employer, without whose  
13 support these significant contributions would not have  
14 been possible; and

15 WHEREAS, Technical Sergeant Dutcher and his  
16 civilian supervisor at Iowa Select Farms, Stephen  
17 Hartwell, were honored in a ceremony held at the Air  
18 National Guard Senior Leadership Conference in  
19 Baltimore, Maryland, on December 16, 2003, where they  
20 received the third annual George W. Bush Award; and

21 WHEREAS, Technical Sergeant Dutcher is a five-year  
22 member of the 132d Fighter Wing, a combat F-16 unit,  
23 located in Des Moines, Iowa, where he is a senior  
24 munitions controller; and

25 WHEREAS, the 132d Fighter Wing has 1,000 members  
26 and has supported recent operations such as Operation  
27 Northern Watch, Operation Southern Watch, Operation  
28 Noble Eagle, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation  
29 Iraqi Freedom, and was one of the first units in the  
30 Air National Guard with precision guided munitions

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1 delivery capability; and

2 WHEREAS, Technical Sergeant Dutcher has been  
3 selected to attend the Academy of Military Science  
4 this spring and upon completion will be commissioned  
5 as an officer in the Air National Guard, specializing  
6 in the area of intelligence; and

7 WHEREAS, Technical Sergeant Dutcher is employed by  
8 Iowa Select Farms as an information technology manager  
9 and network administrator; and

10 WHEREAS, Iowa Select Farms, located in Iowa Falls,  
11 is the largest Iowa-based pork producer in the state  
12 and employs over 900 people in 26 counties; and

13 WHEREAS, Jeff Hansen, President and CEO of Iowa  
14 Select Farms, recognizes the benefits of hiring  
15 military personnel and of providing appropriate and  
16 responsible support to employees of Iowa Select Farms  
17 who are members of the Iowa National Guard and to  
18 their families; and

19 WHEREAS, Iowa Select Farms plans to match the \$500  
20 George W. Bush Award with a \$1,000 donation to The  
21 Fisher House Program which supports families of  
22 America's military in times of need; and

23 WHEREAS, the people of the State of Iowa take great  
24 pride in the contributions of Technical Sergeant  
25 Dutcher and his employer, Iowa Select Farms, to the  
26 Air National Guard and in their receipt of the George  
27 W. Bush Award; NOW THEREFORE,

28 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate  
29 recognize Technical Sergeant Dutcher and the  
30 management of Iowa Select Farms for their dedication

1 and contributions to the Air National Guard and to the  
2 132d Fighter Wing and for their receipt of the George  
3 W. Bush Award; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this  
5 Resolution be presented to Technical Sergeant Brian  
6 Dutcher, to a representative of Iowa Select farms, and  
7 to a representative of the 132d Fighter Wing.

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