

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 131

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2 BY JOHNSON, SHULL, ANGELO, ZIEMAN, MILLER, TINSMAN,
3 HOUSER, MCKINLEY, HOSCH, KETTERING, BRUNKHORST,
4 GASKILL, BOETTGER, MCKIBBEN, SIEVERS, SCHUERER, WARD,
5 VEENSTRA, DRAKE, REDFERN, LUNDBY, SEYMOUR, BEHN,
6 WIECK, REHBERG, PUTNEY, LAMBERTI, IVERSON, BEALL,
7 QUIRMBACH, KREIMAN, WARNSTADT, BOLKCOM, SENG, MCCOY,
8 COURTNEY, RAGAN, HOLVECK, KIBBIE, CONNOLLY, DVORSKY,
9 STEWART, HORN, FRAISE, DEARDEN, DOTZLER, HATCH,
10 and GRONSTAL

11 A Resolution honoring George S. Mills for his service
12 to the people of Iowa as a reporter, author, and
13 noted Iowa historian.

14 WHEREAS, George "Lefty" Mills was born on June 15,
15 1906, in Chicago, Illinois, and began his career in
16 Iowa in 1928 as a news reporter at the Marshalltown
17 Times-Republican, and went on to work for the Iowa
18 Daily Press Association, the Associated Press, the
19 Cedar Rapids Gazette, the Des Moines Register where he
20 worked for nearly 30 years, and WHO-TV; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Mills became an influential and well-
22 respected newsman for his insightful and prolific news
23 stories covering many significant and controversial
24 Statehouse and political issues, including but not
25 limited to the Iowa Caucuses, the 1930s farm riots,
26 governors' cars, secret liquor money, sleeping judges,
27 Prohibition, reapportionment, and Prairie Meadows; and

28 WHEREAS, Mr. Mills' versatile reporting style was
29 further evidenced by his human interest stories
30 covering both famous and ordinary Iowans from the

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1 colorful to the tragic, for which he received national
2 recognition; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Mills' keen reporting and research
4 skills led to his collection of notes, diaries,
5 correspondence, and photographs on many topics
6 covering Iowa's rich history over nearly eight
7 decades, and included many items which he generously
8 donated to the Iowa State Historical Society; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Mills' tireless energy and affinity
10 for Iowa led him to author several books on Iowa
11 history including a book on F. M. Hubbell, a book on
12 the history of Iowa, and a book on the history of the
13 Des Moines Register and the Des Moines Tribune; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Mills is remembered by family,
15 friends, and colleagues for his intelligence and
16 enthusiastic and tenacious personality, and as a
17 gentleman and a scholar, whose vast knowledge of
18 Iowans, Iowa politics, and Iowa history is legendary;
19 NOW THEREFORE,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate
21 honors the memory and the legacy of Mr. George S.
22 Mills for his significant journalistic contributions,
23 which provided a historical context for current events
24 and touched the lives of Iowans from all walks of
25 life; and

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, the
27 Secretary of the Senate shall deliver an official copy
28 of this Resolution to his children, Mary Mills Dunea
29 of Chicago, Illinois, Thomas M. Mills of Augusta,
30 Georgia, George S. Mills III of Rockville, Maryland,

1 and Katherine Sweney Mills Mace of Madison, Wisconsin;
2 and his brother, Thomas W. Mills of Markeson,
3 Wisconsin.

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