

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 138

1 BY SIEVERS, SENG, STEWART, DRAKE, and TINSMAN  
2 A Resolution honoring Dr. John T. Blong, Chancellor of  
3 Eastern Iowa Community College District.

4 WHEREAS, Dr. John T. Blong has provided outstanding  
5 leadership for Eastern Iowa Community College District  
6 as chancellor since 1986; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Blong has announced his retirement  
8 this June as Chancellor of Eastern Iowa Community  
9 College District, ending a distinguished 37-year  
10 career in Iowa's community colleges; and

11 WHEREAS, in his 18 years as chancellor, Eastern  
12 Iowa Community College District has become synonymous  
13 with innovation and excellence; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Blong instituted a Continuous Quality  
15 Improvement initiative, a national environmental  
16 training center, and innovative international  
17 education activities that have garnered Eastern Iowa  
18 Community College District national recognition; and

19 WHEREAS, Eastern Iowa Community College District is  
20 the first and only educational institution to win the  
21 state quality award, the Iowa Recognition for  
22 Performance Excellence; and

23 WHEREAS, Dr. Blong has developed numerous  
24 partnerships with educational institutions, business  
25 and industry, community organizations, and local  
26 governments that have expanded the capacity of all  
27 parties to meet eastern Iowans' educational and career  
28 training needs; and

29 WHEREAS, Dr. Blong has provided outstanding  
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1 leadership at the state and national level during a  
2 period of great growth and expansion of the role of  
3 community colleges; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Blong has been honored as both Central  
5 Region and National Chief Executive Officer of the  
6 Year in 2003 by the Association of Community College  
7 Trustees; NOW THEREFORE,

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate  
9 recognizes Dr. John T. Blong for his dedication to  
10 Eastern Iowa Community College District, its students,  
11 and its communities, and honors his efforts to  
12 establish Eastern Iowa Community College District as a  
13 role model for community colleges throughout Iowa and  
14 the nation; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, the  
16 Secretary of the Senate shall cause an official copy  
17 of this Resolution to be prepared for presentation to  
18 Dr. John T. Blong, Chancellor of Eastern Iowa  
19 Community College District.

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