

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 177

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A Resolution honoring the Iowa National Guard's 132nd Fighter Wing school-to-work internship program with Des Moines Central Campus's Aviation Technology program.

WHEREAS, the Iowa National Guard's 132nd Fighter Wing school-to-work internship program with Des Moines Central Campus's Aviation Technology program began six years ago with the help of now Brigadier General Joe Lucas and Lieutenant Colonel Joe Robinson, as well as with Central Campus Director Dr. Gary McClanahan and Aviation Department Chair Jerry Bradley; and

WHEREAS, the student qualifications for the internship program include senior status and two years in the aviation program at Central Campus, passing a general aviation exam, attendance of 97 percent or better, a minimum of 2.5 cumulative GPA, and an interview with guard personnel; and

WHEREAS, the program involved eight students in its first year and now has grown to 16 students participating each year; and

WHEREAS, the participating students this year include Tim Allie, John C. Baker, Tyler C. Bartels, Kevin J. Beckley, Joseph E. Chandler, James E. Doro, Dustin L. Holmes, Matthew J. Howe, Jeremiah D. Lindstrom, Kiel Middleswart, Daniel Murphy, Adam J. Nelson, Melinda Sicanica, Joe Stickel, Mike Stockbauer, and Stephen C. Waltz; and

WHEREAS, the participating Aviation Technology

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1 students attend the program for 15 weeks during the
2 spring semester of their senior year, and during this
3 time work with guard personnel in all departments
4 representing the 132nd Fighter Wing, including the
5 engine shop, avionics, weapons, operations,
6 fabrication, and fire and rescue; and

7 WHEREAS, students are provided with necessary
8 equipment, including special jumpsuits, jackets, and
9 boots, and have the opportunity for training with
10 actual F-16 aircraft and are the only high school
11 students in the nation who are afforded this
12 opportunity; and

13 WHEREAS, many internship program students have gone
14 on to successful careers in the military services, the
15 reserves, and the guard, and have received entry
16 promotions to higher ranks because of the internship
17 program training received; NOW THEREFORE,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate
19 congratulates the Iowa National Guard's 132nd Fighter
20 Wing school-to-work internship program and Des Moines
21 Central Campus's Aviation Technology program, thanking
22 the men and women of the 132nd Fighter Wing who take
23 ownership in the training of these young individuals,
24 and through their mentorship, guidance, teaching,
25 patience, and mastery, play an integral part in
26 allowing these students to achieve not only in the
27 aviation internship program but also in life; and

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon adoption, an
29 official copy of this Resolution be prepared for
30 presentation to the Iowa National Guard's 132nd

1 Fighter Wing school-to-work internship program
2 represented by Lieutenant Colonel Dyann Edwards,
3 Colonel Greg Schwab, Colonel Steve Van Every, and
4 Technical Sergeant Rob Maroc, as well as to Dr. Eric
5 Witherspoon, Linda Lane, and Tom Drake, Administrators
6 of Des Moines Public Schools; Dr. Gary McClanahan,
7 Director of Central Campus; Erin Stoen, CTI
8 Coordinator; Ric Graves, Instructor, and Jerry
9 Bradley, Aviation Department Chair.

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