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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 15

BY HUTTER

A Resolution honoring and celebrating the life of
Iowa's own Johnny Carson.

WHEREAS, with the passing of Johnny (John William)
Carson on January 23, 2005, Iowa has lost one of its
favorite and most accomplished sons; and

WHEREAS, Johnny Carson was born in Corning, Iowa,
on October 23, 1925; and

WHEREAS, he also lived in Clarinda, Red Oak, and
Avoca, before leaving the state at the age of eight
and growing up in Norfolk, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Johnny Carson was the undisputed king of
late-night television, hosting The Tonight Show from
1962 to 1992 and winning several Emmy Awards in the
process; and

WHEREAS, Johnny Carson never forgot his Iowa roots,
as he demonstrated by featuring a "Corning Night" on
The Tonight Show, donating funds for an art center in
Red Oak, Iowa, providing some \$75,000 for a skate park
in Corning, Iowa, happily inviting Iowans to become
guests on his show, and winning the coveted title,
"Cooper, Iowa's 51st Citizen", in competition with
game-show host Bob Barker, Henry "Fonzie" Winkler, and
Princess Grace of Monaco; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
That the House of Representatives celebrates the life
and accomplishments of Johnny Carson, a man of wealth
and fame who recognized the value of making people
laugh and who never forgot his Iowa roots,

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1 characteristics which made him unforgettable to
2 citizens throughout the state.

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