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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 165

BY JENKINS and KRESSIG

A Resolution honoring Robert Koob, President of the University of Northern Iowa.

WHEREAS, Robert Koob was born in Graettinger, Iowa, graduated from Hawarden High School in 1959 and from the University of Northern Iowa in 1962, and in 1967 received a doctorate in chemistry from the University of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Koob has always been a devoted educator, holding positions as a teaching assistant at the University of Kansas, a high school math and science teacher in Merville, Iowa, and a researcher at the University of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, in 1967 he began teaching chemistry at North Dakota State University as an assistant professor, achieving the rank of professor by 1972, and thereafter serving in several different positions including vice president for academic affairs and interim president; and

WHEREAS, from 1990 to 1995, Dr. Koob was senior vice president and vice president for academic affairs at California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo, California; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, Dr. Koob returned home to Iowa, taking his place as the eighth president of the University of Northern Iowa and the first alumnus to assume the presidency; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, the University of Northern Iowa experienced a phenomenal level of

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1 institutional development, including construction of
2 the Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center, the
3 Freeburg Early Childhood Program, and the Center for
4 Multicultural Education, the expansion of McCollum
5 Science Hall, Lang Hall, and Maucker Union, and
6 groundbreaking on the McLeod Center and the Business
7 and Community Services building; and

8 WHEREAS, President Koob has always been involved in
9 the larger community, currently serving as a co-chair
10 of the Institute for Tomorrow's Workforce and also
11 serving on the Iowa Empowerment Board, Iowa Education
12 Roundtable, Iowa Business Council, Governor's
13 Strategic Planning Council, Iowa Commission on
14 Volunteer Services, Iowa Coordinating Council for Post
15 High School Education, Iowa Association of College
16 Presidents, and Des Moines Higher Education Center
17 Board of Directors, and participating on a national
18 level with various educational organizations; and

19 WHEREAS, President Koob has garnered numerous
20 personal awards, including the 2002 Cedar Valley
21 Business Hall of Fame award, the 2003 Cedar Falls
22 Representative Citizen of the Year award, and, in
23 2004, the Benjamin Franklin Award from the Eastern
24 Iowa Chapter of the Association of Fundraising

25 Professionals for outstanding charitable service; and

26 WHEREAS, President Koob has led with the core value
27 of quality as his touchstone and has placed a high
28 priority on the quality of the learning environment
29 for students, working collaboratively with students
30 and the entire campus community to continuously

1 improve the university and its relationships with all
2 sectors of education; and

3 WHEREAS, after four decades of public service and a
4 dedication to excellence, President Koob announced his
5 intention to retire from the presidency at the end of
6 the 2005-2006 academic year; NOW THEREFORE,

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
8 That the House of Representatives honors University of
9 Northern Iowa's President Robert Koob for a lifetime
10 of service and remarkable achievements and for his
11 tenure as President of the University of Northern
12 Iowa, where he guided his alma mater into the 21st
13 century; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon adoption, an
15 official copy of this Resolution be prepared for
16 presentation to President Koob.

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