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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 3

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3 A Resolution honoring all legislative branch employees
4 who volunteered their time and efforts to make the
5 2004 Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Legislative
6 Conference of the Council of State Governments a
7 successful meeting of Midwestern state and Canadian
8 provincial legislators and their staffs.

9 WHEREAS, the State of Iowa was honored to host the
10 Midwestern Legislative Conference of the Council of
11 State Governments in Des Moines, Iowa, on July 11
12 through 14, 2004; and

13 WHEREAS, the Midwestern Legislative Conference is
14 the regional organization for legislators and
15 legislative staff from the Midwestern states of the
16 United States and from three Canadian provinces,
17 formed for the purpose of developing and examining
18 public policy options for the Midwest and the Canadian
19 provinces; and

20 WHEREAS, this year's legislative conference
21 presented an informative program regarding issues and
22 subjects of concern to the member states and provinces
23 of the Midwestern Legislative Conference, including
24 issues of regional economic development, agriculture,
25 health care, education, and corrections; and

26 WHEREAS, the Annual Meeting included an enjoyable
27 program of entertainment and recreational events, with
28 an opening night reception at the State Historical
29 Building, a family night event at Living History
30 Farms, and the State Dinner in the State Capitol

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1 rotunda; and

2 WHEREAS, other meeting events and activities for
3 attendees, spouses, guests, and youths included
4 attending an Iowa Cubs baseball game, visits to
5 Meredith Corporation, Terrace Hill, Summerset Winery,
6 Sportsplex West, and the Science Center of Iowa,
7 geocaching for treasure, participating in a book drive
8 service project for Capitol View Elementary School
9 students, and enjoying a one-man performance of "Grant
10 Wood" at Hoyt Sherman Place; and

11 WHEREAS, nearly 100 employees of the Legislative
12 Services Agency, the Office of the Citizens'
13 Aide/Ombudsman, the House of Representatives, and the
14 Senate volunteered hundreds of hours of their time to
15 assure that all meeting events and activities were
16 planned, well staffed, and met the needs of all
17 attendees; and

18 WHEREAS, legislative staff showed their
19 resourcefulness, utilizing previously untapped skills
20 as greeters, vehicle drivers, registration and
21 information desk staff, event and transportation
22 planners, tour leaders, talent bookers, event
23 budgeters, food servers, and leaders of children; and

24 WHEREAS, the evaluations of and comments on the
25 meeting overwhelmingly praised the welcome and
26 hospitality shown to all attendees by legislative
27 branch employees serving as Iowa ambassadors; NOW
28 THEREFORE,

29 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
30 That the House of Representatives proudly honors the

1 volunteer efforts of all legislative branch employees
2 who assisted in making the Annual Meeting of the
3 Midwestern Legislative Conference such a spectacular
4 success.

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