

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 120

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A Resolution recognizing the Iowa premiere of Disney's The
Lion King at the Civic Center of Greater Des Moines.

WHEREAS, the Civic Center of Greater Des Moines, a
nonprofit performing arts center, has served the
people of Iowa for more than 25 years, engaging some 6
million patrons in world-class entertainment,
education, and cultural activities since 1979; and

WHEREAS, on Friday, March 3, 2006, the Civic Center
welcomed its most historic production yet to Des
Moines, Disney's The Lion King, making its Iowa
premiere as part of the Civic Center's 2005-2006 Betts
Broadway Series; and

WHEREAS, this theatrical epic, winner of six Tony
Awards in 1998, will become the longest-running
Broadway production in Iowa history with a record six-
week run of 45 performances from March 3 through April
9, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Disney's The Lion King will play to a
record audience of 120,000 across its entire run,
drawing visitors from every corner of Iowa and from
throughout the Midwest to Des Moines, creating an
economic impact in the millions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, Des Moines represents the second-smallest
market in the world to host the show, and is currently
one of just eight places on the globe to see Disney's
The Lion King; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate

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1 congratulates the Civic Center of Greater Des Moines
2 on making Iowa theatrical history and welcomes the
3 cast and crew of Disney's The Lion King to Iowa and
4 their new home in Des Moines; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon adoption, an
6 official copy of this Resolution be prepared for
7 presentation to the Civic Center President and Chief
8 Executive Officer Jeff Chelesvig, staff members, and
9 the touring company of Disney's The Lion King.

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