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1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 133

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3 A Resolution honoring J.H. Peet Junior High School in

4 Cedar Falls, Iowa, for becoming a 2005-2006 Blue

5 Ribbon School.

6 WHEREAS, in 2001 President Bush proposed and the

7 United States Congress enacted the No Child Left

8 Behind Act; and

9 WHEREAS, to reward successful schools, the U.S.

10 Department of Education established the No Child Left

11 Behind-Blue Ribbon Schools Program to honor those

12 elementary and secondary schools in the United States

13 that make significant progress in closing the

14 achievement gap or whose students achieve at very high

15 levels; and

16 WHEREAS, the Blue Ribbon Schools Program recognizes

17 schools, regardless of demographics, that are in the

18 top 10 percent of schools as measured by state tests

19 in both reading and mathematics; and

20 WHEREAS, students at J.H. Peet Junior High School

21 achieved all-time-high levels of proficiency in 2004-

22 2005 as measured by the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills;

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24 WHEREAS, students at Peet had an average reading

25 proficiency of 87.7 percent, an average math

26 proficiency of 91.4 percent, and an average science

27 proficiency of 97.8 percent; and

28 WHEREAS, Peet's special programs subgroup and

29 socioeconomic subgroup achieved between 70 percent and

30 100 percent proficiency in all areas; and

1   WHEREAS, Peet was one of only five schools
2 nominated by the State of Iowa to be honored at a
3 ceremony in Washington, D.C.; and
4   WHEREAS, the recognition of J.H. Peet Junior High
5 School as a Blue Ribbon School is the result of work
6 by 500 students, their parents, their teachers, and
7 their community; NOW THEREFORE,
8   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate
9 commends and applauds J.H. Peet Junior High School and
10 its students, parents, and teachers on this remarkable
11 achievement.
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