

1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 56
2 BY BOLKCOM and DVORSKY
3 A Resolution to recognize and honor Frank Conroy
4 posthumously for his lifetime of service and
5 achievement.
6 WHEREAS, Frank Conroy came to know Iowa as his
7 lasting home, utilizing the exceptional environment to
8 pass on his wealth of wisdom and instruction; and
9 WHEREAS, Frank Conroy experienced a unique and
10 sometimes difficult childhood, using that experience
11 to create a lucid and evocative story, captivating the
12 nation, and endearing him to the hearts of his
13 readers; and
14 WHEREAS, Frank Conroy pursued other forms of art,
15 excelling at the piano and playing with some of the
16 great jazz musicians of his time; and
17 WHEREAS, Frank Conroy developed a clear writing
18 style and ventured into journalism, writing for
19 magazines and composing many short stories; and
20 WHEREAS, Frank Conroy accepted teaching positions
21 at the University of Iowa, George Mason University,
22 Brandeis University, and Massachusetts Institute of
23 Technology, passing on his love of the arts and
24 motivating young writers around the country to excel
25 at their craft; and
26 WHEREAS, Frank Conroy took great interest in
27 nurturing young writers and guiding them to realize
28 their absolute potential, bringing true honesty and
29 seriousness to the task; and
30 WHEREAS, Frank Conroy worked as the director of the

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1 literature program at the National Endowment for the
2 Arts, continuing to support and encourage young
3 writers; and

4 WHEREAS, Frank Conroy was handpicked by University
5 of Iowa President James O. Freedman to lead the
6 innovative and legendary University of Iowa Writers'
7 Workshop; and

8 WHEREAS, Frank Conroy served as a role model and
9 mentor for 18 years at the University of Iowa,
10 bringing talented individuals to the state to study
11 and sharpen their gifts for writing; and

12 WHEREAS, Frank Conroy showed his passion for
13 literature and reading, inspiring others to write and
14 express themselves in ways that resonate with readers
15 around the world; and

16 WHEREAS, Frank Conroy used instinctive care and
17 extraordinary analysis in his teaching, leading the
18 writers to uncover the true greatness within them and
19 share it with the world; and

20 WHEREAS, Frank Conroy showed dedication in writing,
21 music, and teaching, developing a distinctive style
22 that intertwined all these endeavors and made him
23 truly unique; and

24 WHEREAS, Frank Conroy devoted himself to providing
25 a community in which writers could excel, leading them
26 to respect the art and pushing them to reach for
27 greatness; NOW THEREFORE,

28 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate
29 posthumously honors Frank Conroy for his lifetime of
30 dedication to teaching and enduring demonstration of

1 love for the arts and humanities, and expresses its
2 appreciation for his mentoring of so many gifted
3 students and writers, making his contributions to
4 society ongoing and everlasting.

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