

House Resolution 105 - Introduced

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1 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. ____
1 2 BY MAY
1 3 A Resolution honoring the Dickinson County Soil and
1 4 Water Conservation District for receiving the National
1 5 Association of Conservation Districts 2007 Excellence
1 6 Award.
1 7 WHEREAS, Iowa soil and water conservation districts
1 8 were initiated in 1939, when legislation was enacted
1 9 to encourage local volunteer conservation districts;
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1 11 WHEREAS, the Dickinson County Soil and Water
1 12 Conservation District was formed on February 4, 1944;
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1 14 WHEREAS, the Dickinson County district contains
1 15 15,000 acres of natural lakes constituting some of the
1 16 most important natural resources in the state; and
1 17 WHEREAS, always mindful of its obligation to
1 18 protect this remarkable water resource, the Dickinson
1 19 County district has been the leader on many projects
1 20 to protect the Iowa Great Lakes; and
1 21 WHEREAS, in the 1990s the Dickinson County district
1 22 received a clean water grant from the Iowa Department
1 23 of Natural Resources and the federal Environmental
1 24 Protection Agency for a twelve-year project in the
1 25 Iowa Great Lakes watershed, consisting of East and
1 26 West Okoboji, Big Spirit, Little Spirit, Center, Upper
1 27 Gar, Minnewashta, and Lower Gar Lakes; and
1 28 WHEREAS, by 2002, the Dickinson County district
1 29 began working with urban conservation issues, such as
1 30 construction site erosion, storm water runoff, and
2 1 other urban soil and water issues; and
2 2 WHEREAS, as part of that urban focus the Dickinson
2 3 County district conducted a series of seminars to
2 4 educate people on low-impact development, smart
2 5 growth, construction site erosion, and other urban
2 6 conservation issues, which seminars were then followed
2 7 by five demonstration projects; and
2 8 WHEREAS, on February 12, 2008, the Dickinson County
2 9 Soil and Water Conservation District was awarded the
2 10 National Association of Conservation Districts 2007
2 11 Excellence Award for Urban Conservation, an award
2 12 given to only one district out of 3,000 nationwide;
2 13 NOW THEREFORE,
2 14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
2 15 That the House of Representatives honors the Dickinson
2 16 County Soil and Water Conservation District for 64
2 17 years of dedicated stewardship and congratulates the
2 18 district for receiving the National Association of
2 19 Conservation Districts 2007 Excellence Award.
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