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1 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. ____
1 2 BY KELLEY
1 3 A Resolution honoring and commemorating the University
1 4 of Northern Iowa Institute for Decision Making for 20
1 5 years of economic development service in Iowa.
1 6 WHEREAS, the University of Northern Iowa Institute
1 7 for Decision Making has served more than 475
1 8 communities and clients and nine regional economic
1 9 development groups, reaching all of Iowa's 99
1 10 counties; and
1 11 WHEREAS, the institute assists nearly 50 new
1 12 community-partner projects each year, creating 1,500
1 13 to 2,000 jobs annually; and
1 14 WHEREAS, the institute has taken a leadership role
1 15 in the Heartland Economic Development Course, enabling
1 16 more than 500 new professionals to be trained in the
1 17 fundamental strategies of economic development; and
1 18 WHEREAS, the institute has conducted more than 150
1 19 economic impact analyses to help economic developers
1 20 and local government make informed decisions regarding
1 21 support for economic development projects; and
1 22 WHEREAS, the institute continues to be recognized
1 23 nationally as an innovator in the area of economic
1 24 development; and
1 25 WHEREAS, the University of Northern Iowa Institute
1 26 for Decision Making has received national recognition
1 27 for its creation of the laborshed approach and has
1 28 successfully transferred the laborshed model to the
1 29 Iowa Department of Workforce Development and continues
1 30 to provide technical support for the development of a
2 1 statewide laborshed model; and
2 2 WHEREAS, the institute has developed a process for
2 3 the practical application of industrial clusters in
2 4 Iowa's rural regions; and
2 5 WHEREAS, the institute has led statewide delivery
2 6 of business retention and expansion training
2 7 throughout Iowa; and
2 8 WHEREAS, the University of Northern Iowa Institute
2 9 for Decision Making has developed active working
2 10 partnerships on economic development projects with
2 11 local developers, utility companies, state agencies,
2 12 community colleges, and regents institutions to meet
2 13 the economic development needs of Iowa communities;
2 14 and
2 15 WHEREAS, the institute has provided nearly 20 years
2 16 of leadership and service to the Professional
2 17 Developers of Iowa; and
2 18 WHEREAS, the institute has engaged students and
2 19 faculty in assisting Iowa communities and has provided
2 20 experiential learning and internship opportunities for
2 21 students entering the economic development profession;
2 22 and
2 23 WHEREAS, the University of Northern Iowa Institute
2 24 for Decision Making has established strong long-term
2 25 relationships with citizens and community leaders
2 26 throughout the state, thereby connecting communities
2 27 to the University of Northern Iowa's services; and
2 28 WHEREAS, after 20 years of planning, technical
2 29 assistance, and training in communities across Iowa,
2 30 the University of Northern Iowa Institute for Decision
3 1 Making continues to progress and to lead and guide
3 2 organizations and governments in new projects; NOW
3 3 THEREFORE,
3 4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
3 5 That the House of Representatives congratulates the
3 6 University of Northern Iowa Institute for Decision
3 7 Making for 20 years of innovative economic development
3 8 in Iowa, thanks the institute's staff for the valuable
3 9 services they bring to the State of Iowa and its
3 10 communities, and looks forward to its future services
3 11 to our state; and
3 12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon adoption, the

3 13 Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives shall
3 14 prepare a copy of this Resolution for presentation to
3 15 Mr. Randy Pilkington, Director of the Institute for
3 16 Decision Making, on behalf of the institute and its
3 17 team members.
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