

Senate Resolution 17 - Introduced

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1 1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. ____
1 2 BY APPEL
1 3 (COMPANION TO HR 18 BY TYMESON)
1 4 A Resolution honoring the memory of John Wayne on the
1 5 100th anniversary of his birth.
1 6 WHEREAS, Marion Robert Morrison was born May 26,
1 7 1907, in Winterset, Iowa; and
1 8 WHEREAS, while a student at the University of
1 9 Southern California, cowboy actor Tom Mix got young
1 10 Marion a summer job as a prop man at a film studio,
1 11 where he began acting in a few bit parts under the
1 12 name "John Wayne"; and
1 13 WHEREAS, over the next 50 years John Wayne became a
1 14 cinematic legend, starring in 152 movies; and
1 15 WHEREAS, more than a movie star, John Wayne
1 16 typified the best in American character, a quiet man
1 17 of strength, without guile, greed, or bluster; and
1 18 WHEREAS, John Wayne can best be summed up in the
1 19 words of former President Jimmy Carter, who said: "In
1 20 an age of few heroes, he was the genuine article.";
1 21 and
1 22 WHEREAS, in 1979, in recognition of his
1 23 "distinguished career as an actor and his service to
1 24 the nation", John Wayne was awarded the Congressional
1 25 Gold Medal, joining such luminaries as George
1 26 Washington, Charles Lindbergh, and Jonas Salk; and
1 27 WHEREAS, the legacy of John Wayne remains, through
1 28 the good works of the John Wayne Cancer Foundation and
1 29 Cancer Institute; and
1 30 WHEREAS, the city of Winterset, Iowa, will hold a
2 1 gala centennial May 25 through May 27, 2007; NOW
2 2 THEREFORE,
2 3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate
2 4 honors the memory of this great American and
2 5 encourages all Iowans to participate in the Winterset
2 6 celebrations.
2 7 LSB 2044SS 82
2 8 jr:nh/gg/14