

# Senate Resolution 28 - Introduced

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1 1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_  
1 2 BY GRONSTAL and LUNDBY  
1 3 A Resolution to thank the men and women who worked so  
1 4 long and so hard to restore electricity to Iowans  
1 5 throughout the state.  
1 6 WHEREAS, between February 24 and March 2, 2007, one  
1 7 of the worst winter storms in recent memory came to  
1 8 Iowa with a vengeance; a sudden ice storm left over  
1 9 260,000 Iowans without power, followed by a blizzard  
1 10 bringing 18 inches of snow in some areas and howling  
1 11 winds that piled drifts four to six feet deep; and  
1 12 WHEREAS, the wind and ice combined to seriously  
1 13 damage Iowa's electrical grid; and  
1 14 WHEREAS, the toll was staggering: 250 miles of  
1 15 transmission lines down or damaged, 1,000 distribution  
1 16 lines damaged, and thousands of utility poles and  
1 17 structures destroyed; and  
1 18 WHEREAS, against this looming disaster the men and  
1 19 women of Iowa's investor-owned utility companies,  
1 20 rural electric cooperatives, and municipal utility  
1 21 providers and those of other states came forward by  
1 22 the thousands, along with members of the Iowa National  
1 23 Guard, the Homeland Security and Emergency Management  
1 24 Division of the Department of Public Defense, and the  
1 25 American Red Cross; and  
1 26 WHEREAS, working around-the-clock in daunting  
1 27 weather conditions, where white-outs, ice, high winds,  
1 28 and closed roads hampered every effort, these  
1 29 dedicated crews had largely restored service by early  
1 30 March and averted a crisis; NOW THEREFORE,  
2 1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate, with  
2 2 great respect, conveys its thanks to those men and  
2 3 women from Iowa, the Midwest, and other states who  
2 4 came forward and took charge in a time of crisis, and  
2 5 through their tireless efforts brought light, heat,  
2 6 and comfort back to hundreds of thousands of Iowans.  
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