

Senate Resolution 29 - Introduced

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1 1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. ____
1 2 BY RAGAN, GASKILL, CONNOLLY, and BEALL
1 3 A Resolution declaring the trombone Iowa's premier
1 4 musical instrument.
1 5 WHEREAS, the trombone is certainly the most
1 6 recognizable of the brass instruments, being the only
1 7 one with a true slide section, having been in
1 8 existence for over five centuries, and remaining
1 9 relatively unchanged; and
1 10 WHEREAS, the trombone holds a unique place in
1 11 Iowa's musical heritage; and
1 12 WHEREAS, four of Iowa's favorite sons, Meredith
1 13 Willson, Glenn Miller, Karl L. King, and Jack Jenney,
1 14 have made the trombone a centerpiece of their careers;
1 15 and
1 16 WHEREAS, the trombone was made famous by Mason City
1 17 native Meredith Willson in that rousing song "76
1 18 Trombones," which was part of his Broadway hit and
1 19 Hollywood movie "The Music Man"; and
1 20 WHEREAS, Clarinda native Glenn Miller made dynamic
1 21 use of the trombone in his big band hits "In the
1 22 Mood," "Moonlight Serenade," "Chattanooga Choo Choo,"
1 23 "Pennsylvania 6-5000," and "A String of Pearls"; and
1 24 WHEREAS, the "March King," Karl L. King from Fort
1 25 Dodge, was a band director and composer of brass band
1 26 marches and songs, and one of his popular compositions
1 27 is "Mournful Maggie" featuring the trombone smear; and
1 28 WHEREAS, Dubuque's own Jack Jenney, a contemporary
1 29 of Tommy Dorsey, was one of the most highly rated jazz
1 30 musicians in the country, and is considered by jazz
2 1 scholars as the "father" of the modern jazz trombone;
2 2 and
2 3 WHEREAS, the trombone is a mainstay of every
2 4 marching band and jazz band in Iowa and in the nation;
2 5 NOW THEREFORE,
2 6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate,
2 7 honoring the lives and music of those great Iowans,
2 8 Meredith Willson, Glenn Miller, Karl L. King, and Jack
2 9 Jenney, declares the trombone Iowa's premier musical
2 10 instrument.
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