

House Resolution 125 - Introduced

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 125

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1 A Resolution recognizing the contributions,
2 innovations, and valuable learning experiences
3 offered by the Center for Legislative Practice at
4 the Drake University Law School and its internship
5 program.

6 WHEREAS, the Drake University Law School has created
7 a unique program combining academic study and practical
8 experience to help students understand the lawmaking
9 process and government policy development; and

10 WHEREAS, the program involves academic class work
11 in administrative law, state and local government,
12 legislation, and legislative practice, along with two
13 internships; and

14 WHEREAS, over the last ten years, these students
15 have spent thousands of hours of their time
16 contributing to the public policy work of the Iowa
17 General Assembly, and during the current legislative
18 session in particular, with 28 interns working with
19 legislators; and

20 WHEREAS, as part of their legislative practice
21 experience, Drake law students draft bills, recruit
22 sponsors, attend committee and subcommittee meetings,
23 secure constituent support, and lobby legislators; and

24 WHEREAS, the program is far more than an academic
25 exercise, as law students in the program, in
26 conjunction with Drake University's Middleton Center
27 for Children's Rights, have worked directly with
28 foster children to successfully draft and lobby for

1 legislative changes that directly affect children's
2 rights; and

3 WHEREAS, law students who successfully complete
4 the Center for Legislative Practice program of
5 study receive a Juris Doctor degree accompanied by a
6 legislative practice certificate; and

7 WHEREAS, graduates of this program are uniquely
8 prepared for future employment with public interest
9 groups, trade associations, unions, and private law
10 firms with a legislative or an administrative law
11 practice; NOW THEREFORE,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That
13 the House of Representatives recognizes the public
14 policy contributions made by the Center for Legislative
15 Practice at the Drake University Law School.