

# House Resolution 136 - Introduced

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 136

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1 A Resolution honoring the courage, determination, and  
2 dedication of Cheyanne Boddicker in swimming the  
3 English Channel.

4 WHEREAS, the English Channel is a cold, unforgiving  
5 body of water and is one of the busiest shipping lanes  
6 in the world; and

7 WHEREAS, undaunted by this challenge Iowa native  
8 Cheyanne Boddicker swam the channel, not for fame  
9 or glory, but to raise donations for the Holden  
10 Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of  
11 Iowa; and

12 WHEREAS, her dedication was in part motivated by  
13 the passing of her grandfather, who was one of almost  
14 600,000 people in the United States to die from cancer  
15 in 2010; and

16 WHEREAS, Miss Boddicker trained intensively for over  
17 a year, guided by her brother, Staff Sergeant Michael  
18 Boddicker, and assisted by family and friends; and

19 WHEREAS, that intensive training included a grueling  
20 regimen of weight training, aerobic conditioning, and  
21 endless swimming, including trips to Lake Michigan to  
22 become acclimated to cold water; and

23 WHEREAS, Miss Boddicker, recognized by the Channel  
24 Swimming Association as the 877th person to officially  
25 swim the channel, made the 21-nautical-mile crossing  
26 in a straight swim with an official time of 15 hours  
27 and 39 minutes, not taking a break or wearing a wetsuit  
28 in the 61-degree water; and

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1 WHEREAS, Miss Boddicker is believed to be the first  
2 female Iowan to swim the channel; and

3 WHEREAS, her ultimate goal, well over halfway met,  
4 is to raise \$25,000 for the center; NOW THEREFORE,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That  
6 the House of Representatives congratulates Cheyanne  
7 Boddicker for her courage in swimming the English  
8 Channel, and honors her humanitarian efforts in the  
9 fight against cancer.