

House Resolution 53 - Introduced

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 53

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1 A Resolution recognizing the University of Iowa
2 Writers' Workshop and its 75th anniversary.
3 WHEREAS, the Program in Creative Writing at the
4 University of Iowa, better known as the Iowa Writers'
5 Workshop, was founded in 1936 and now celebrates its
6 75th anniversary; and
7 WHEREAS, the program was formally founded under the
8 leadership of Wilbur Schramm and came into prominence
9 during the 24-year tenure of Paul Engle; and
10 WHEREAS, the University of Iowa Writers' Workshop
11 was the first creative writing degree program in the
12 United States and is still the model for contemporary
13 writing programs; and
14 WHEREAS, workshop alumni have collectively
15 published more than 3,500 books of fiction, poetry,
16 and nonfiction and alumni have won 17 Pulitzer Prizes,
17 numerous National Book Awards, and other major literary
18 honors; and
19 WHEREAS, the workshop inspired the creation of

1 a variety of important University of Iowa writing
2 programs, including the International Writing
3 Program, the Iowa Playwrights Workshop, the top-ranked
4 Nonfiction Writing Program, the Iowa Summer Writing
5 Festival, and the Iowa Young Writers' Studio; and

6 WHEREAS, today the Iowa Writers' Workshop admits
7 up to 50 graduate students each year for a two-year
8 residency program awarding a Master of Fine Arts
9 degree; NOW THEREFORE,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That
11 the members of the House of Representatives, with great
12 pride, congratulate the Iowa Writers' Workshop for 75
13 years of literary excellence and send their best wishes
14 for the workshop's 75th Anniversary Reunion scheduled
15 for June 9-12, 2011, in Iowa City.