

Senate Resolution 1 - Introduced

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1

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1 A Resolution recognizing January 27, 2011, as a day
2 to honor Iowa's community colleges on their 45th
3 anniversary.

4 WHEREAS, 2011 marks the 45th anniversary of the
5 designation of the first of fifteen merged area
6 schools, now called community colleges; and

7 WHEREAS, in 1965 the legislation creating these
8 merged area schools was floor managed by Senator Jack
9 Kibbie; and

10 WHEREAS, today Iowa has a statewide system of
11 fifteen community colleges, which are public,
12 postsecondary, two-year institutions organized as
13 comprehensive community colleges, serving all of Iowa's
14 ninety-nine counties; and

15 WHEREAS, Iowa's community colleges have enjoyed
16 tremendous success, with the number of students
17 attending community colleges growing from 8,000 to
18 80,000; and

19 WHEREAS, Iowa's community colleges have provided
20 easy access to thousands of Iowans who seek higher
21 education, including many who transfer credits to
22 senior institutions and thousands more who seek
23 high-quality vocational-technical programs; and

24 WHEREAS, adult and continuing education courses and
25 job training programs have trained thousands of Iowa's
26 citizens, who have improved their skills, benefiting
27 businesses, the workforce, and the overall economy of
28 the state; and

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1 WHEREAS, community colleges are the port of entry
2 for many of the poorest, most challenged, and most
3 disadvantaged citizens of the state; NOW THEREFORE,
4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate
5 recognizes January 27, 2011, as a day to honor
6 the fifteen community colleges in Iowa on the 45th
7 anniversary of their founding.