

Senate Resolution 107 - Introduced

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 107

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DEARDEN, HORN, COURTNEY, WILHELM, BOWMAN, and McCOY

1 A Resolution celebrating the 100th anniversary of
2 the signing of the Smith-Lever Act, the founding
3 legislation of the nationwide Cooperative Extension
4 System.

5 WHEREAS, May 8, 2014, marks the centennial of the
6 signing of the Smith-Lever Act, which established
7 Cooperative Extension, the nationwide transformational
8 education system operating through land-grant
9 universities in partnership with federal, state, and
10 local governments; and

11 WHEREAS, Seaman A. Knapp, the second president of
12 Iowa's agricultural college, now Iowa State University,
13 is credited as the father of the early extension
14 movement; and

15 WHEREAS, Iowa State University Extension and
16 Outreach has been making a difference in the lives of
17 Iowans for well over 100 years; and

18 WHEREAS, in 1903, Sioux County farmers and Iowa
19 State University established the basis for agricultural
20 cooperative extension work, continuing today through
21 Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension and

1 Outreach; and

2 WHEREAS, Iowa counties began organizing for
3 extension work in 1912, and today elected extension
4 councils in every county partner with Iowa State
5 University Extension and Outreach to bring
6 research-based education to their citizens; and

7 WHEREAS, in 1916 Black Hawk County hired Iowa's
8 first extension home demonstration agent, the
9 predecessor to today's specialists in Human Sciences
10 Extension and Outreach; and

11 WHEREAS, by the 1970s, programs in community
12 resource development, now Community and Economic
13 Development, had become an integral part of Iowa State
14 University Extension and Outreach; and

15 WHEREAS, 4-H, the youth program of Cooperative
16 Extension nationwide, traces its beginnings in Iowa to
17 Page County and the work of Jessie Field Shambaugh, and
18 today 4-H Youth Development reaches one in five Iowa
19 school-age youth; and

20 WHEREAS, extension and outreach educational programs
21 are focused on feeding people, keeping them healthy,
22 helping their communities to prosper and thrive, and
23 turning the world over to the next generation in better
24 shape than we found it; NOW THEREFORE,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, that the Senate
26 encourages the people of Iowa to observe and celebrate
27 the centennial of the Smith-Lever Act with a focus on
28 continuing an innovative and sustainable future for
29 extension education in Iowa and nationally; and

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate thanks Iowa

1 State University Extension and Outreach volunteers who
2 provide thousands of hours to promote excellence for
3 4-H, master gardeners, and other programs in their
4 communities; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate honors the
6 Iowa State University faculty and Iowa State University
7 Extension and Outreach educators throughout the
8 state who dedicate their careers to providing trusted
9 education to help farmers, families, youth, businesses,
10 and communities solve problems, develop skills, and
11 build a better future.