

Senate Resolution 114 - Introduced

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 114

BY COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

1 A Resolution honoring Senator Jerry Behn for his years
2 of service in the Iowa Senate.

3 WHEREAS, Senator Jerry Behn was born in Ames, Iowa,
4 was raised in Boone County, graduated from United
5 Community Schools, has farmed for almost 50 years, and
6 together with his wife Dennise has raised their family
7 of four children and seven grandchildren; and

8 WHEREAS, Senator Behn is a long-standing member of
9 the Iowa Association of Business and Industry, the Iowa
10 Farm Bureau, the Iowa Soybean Association, the National
11 Federation of Independent Business, and the National
12 Rifle Association; and

13 WHEREAS, after having served as a Boone County
14 supervisor; Senator Behn was first elected to the
15 Senate in 1996; and

16 WHEREAS, upon election in 1996 Senator Behn
17 represented Senate District 40, and beginning in 2003
18 Senator Behn has represented Senate District 24, which
19 now includes all or parts of Boone, Greene, Hamilton,
20 Story, and Webster counties; and

21 WHEREAS, during his legislative tenure of 24 years,
22 the voters of his Senate districts have elected Senator
23 Behn to six consecutive terms; and

24 WHEREAS, during his legislative tenure, Senator
25 Behn has served in a leadership capacity on a number
26 of committees, including the Committee on Agriculture
27 (Chairperson), the Committee on Commerce (Ranking
28 Member and Chairperson); the Committee on Environment

1 and Energy Independence (Ranking Member), the Committee
2 on Ethics (Ranking Member, Vice Chairperson, and
3 Chairperson), the Committee on Local Government
4 (Chairperson), the Committee on Small Business and
5 Economic Development (Vice Chairperson), and the
6 Committee on Ways and Means (Vice Chairperson); and

7 WHEREAS, during his Senate tenure, Senator Behn
8 has held a number of leadership positions, including
9 as a member of the Legislative Council, including the
10 Administration Committee and the Service Committee; and
11 the Committee on Rules and Administration; and

12 WHEREAS, in 2005 Senator Behn was elected by the
13 Republican caucus as Assistant Republican Leader,
14 in 2011 he was elected by the Republican caucus as
15 Minority (Republican) Leader, and in 2017 and 2019 he
16 was elected by the Senate as President Pro Tempore; and

17 WHEREAS, during his legislative service, Senator
18 Behn has earned wide respect for his integrity and
19 courtesy which extends to constituents, colleagues,
20 staff, lobbyists, and the press; and

21 WHEREAS, throughout his legislative service,
22 Senator Behn has been actively involved in matters
23 of government revenue and expenditures, tax policy,
24 and state budget practices, economic growth and job
25 creation, and the fundamental place of agriculture in
26 this state; NOW THEREFORE,

27 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate
28 honors Senator Jerry Behn for his years of legislative
29 service, and wishes him and his wife Dennise many years
30 of happiness with their family.