

# Senate Resolution 111 - Introduced

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 111

### BY COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

1 A Resolution honoring Senator Jim Lykam for his years  
2 of service in the Iowa General Assembly.

3 WHEREAS, Senator Jim Lykam was born and raised in  
4 Davenport, and graduated from Palmer Junior College  
5 with an associate of arts degree in business; and

6 WHEREAS, Senator Lykam has spent his entire life  
7 in the city of Davenport and knows the city like the  
8 back of his hand, even as the city has changed over the  
9 years to adapt to the dynamic Mississippi River; and

10 WHEREAS, Senator Lykam was first elected to the Iowa  
11 House of Representatives in 1989, where he represented  
12 portions of Davenport and Scott County nonconsecutively  
13 for 16 years; and

14 WHEREAS, Senator Lykam was first elected to the Iowa  
15 Senate in 2016 to represent District 45, which includes  
16 part of the city of Davenport and southern Scott County  
17 along the Mississippi River; and

18 WHEREAS, Senator Lykam's civic service includes  
19 membership on the Davenport Planning and Zoning  
20 Commission and the Park and Recreation Advisory  
21 Committee, which included service as the chairperson of  
22 the baseball subcommittee; and

23 WHEREAS, Senator Lykam's promotion of youth baseball  
24 also included service as the vice president of the  
25 Davenport Colt League and the manager of the West Pony  
26 League; and

27 WHEREAS, Senator Lykam's tenure in the General  
28 Assembly included membership on the Appropriations,

1 Natural Resources and Environment, State Government,  
2 Transportation (Ranking Member), and Commerce (Ranking  
3 Member) standing committees; the Administration and  
4 Regulation Appropriations and the Transportation,  
5 Infrastructure, and Capitals Appropriations (Ranking  
6 Member) subcommittees; the Capital Projects Committee,  
7 the Statewide Interoperable Communications System  
8 Board, and the Care of Animals in Commercial  
9 Enterprises Study Committee; and the Legislative  
10 Council; and

11 WHEREAS, during the 73rd General Assembly, Senator  
12 Lykam served on the House Committee on Natural  
13 Resources and Outdoor Recreation, which sponsored  
14 legislation that would create the Resources Enhancement  
15 and Protection Fund, which has since invested millions  
16 of dollars to expand environmental and recreational  
17 opportunities in Iowa; and

18 WHEREAS, as a lifelong animal lover who as a kid  
19 would bring home dogs and tell his mother that they  
20 followed him home, Senator Lykam managed legislation  
21 that required commercial establishments selling cats  
22 and dogs to ensure that the establishments provided a  
23 humane standard of care for such animals, and also led  
24 efforts to pass legislation to help law enforcement  
25 combat illegal dog fighting; and

26 WHEREAS, Senator Lykam supported legislation  
27 to limit the ability of a person to purchase large  
28 quantities of pseudoephedrine to prevent its use in  
29 producing methamphetamine; and

30 WHEREAS, Senator Lykam's legislative career has

1 been exemplified by his support for efforts to expand  
2 economic opportunities for his district, encourage  
3 public health and safety, and promote the well-being  
4 of animals; NOW THEREFORE,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate honors  
6 and thanks Senator Jim Lykam for his years of public  
7 service in the Iowa General Assembly and wishes him all  
8 the best as he spends more time with his wife, Barb,  
9 their son, Jeff, and their dog, Sassy.