

Senate Resolution 113 - Introduced

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 113

BY COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

1 A Resolution honoring Senator Tom Shipley for his
2 service in the Iowa Senate.

3 WHEREAS, Senator Tom Shipley was first elected in
4 November 2014 and has proudly served in the Senate ever
5 since; and

6 WHEREAS, Senator Shipley was born and raised in Adams
7 County, and is the fifth generation of his family to be
8 involved in agriculture in Adams County; and

9 WHEREAS, Senator Shipley earned a bachelor of science
10 degree in agricultural education from Iowa State
11 University of Science and Technology and devoted much
12 of his life to agriculture, including working as a
13 livestock production specialist for Land O'Lakes, a feed
14 department manager at United Farmers Mercantile Coop,
15 and director of issues and policy management for the
16 Iowa Cattlemen's Association; and

17 WHEREAS, during his time in the Senate, Senator
18 Shipley proudly worked on promoting and protecting
19 agriculture in Iowa, strengthening rural public schools
20 and communities, and making the state a better place for
21 families, as well as being a continuing voice for rural
22 people of Iowa; and

23 WHEREAS, during his time in the Senate, Senator
24 Shipley strongly advocated for the needs of rural
25 schools by ensuring continued funding for operational
26 sharing and transportation equity, was instrumental in
27 the process of building the new veterinary diagnostic
28 lab at Iowa State University of Science and Technology,

1 helped increase railroad responsiveness and cooperation
2 throughout this state, and supported historic tax cuts
3 to give the state a competitive edge; and

4 WHEREAS, during his Senate tenure, Senator Shipley
5 has served on the Agriculture, Appropriations,
6 Education, Ethics (chair), Human Resources, Judiciary,
7 Labor and Business Relations (ranking member),
8 Local Government (chair), Natural Resources and
9 Environment (vice chair), and Transportation (vice
10 chair) committees; the Agriculture and Natural Resources
11 Appropriations Subcommittee (chair); and the Iowa
12 Commission on Interstate Cooperation, Flood Mitigation
13 Board, Prescription Pain Medication Study Committee, and
14 Sex Offender Research Council; and

15 WHEREAS, Senator Shipley has further demonstrated his
16 commitment to civic engagement by serving his community
17 on the Villisca school board, the Villisca volunteer
18 ambulance service, the First Presbyterian Church, and
19 the Iowa Cattlemen's Association; and

20 WHEREAS, Senator Shipley is grateful to the citizens
21 of his district for placing their trust in him, and
22 looks forward to his next endeavors; NOW THEREFORE,

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate honors
24 Senator Tom Shipley for his years of public service to
25 his community and to the state of Iowa and wishes him
26 all the best in the years to come.