

Senate Resolution 118 - Introduced

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 118

BY COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

1 A Resolution honoring Senator Jack Whitver for his
2 service in the Iowa Senate.

3 WHEREAS, in 2011 Senator Jack Whitver was first
4 elected to the Iowa Senate where he served in multiple
5 leadership roles representing his constituents; and

6 WHEREAS, Senator Whitver is a proud lifelong Iowan,
7 having grown up in Grinnell and then graduating from the
8 Iowa State University of Science and Technology where he
9 started as a wide receiver on the Cyclones football team
10 and finished his playing career ranked in the team's top
11 10 for all-time career receptions and receiving yards;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, immediately following his graduation from
14 Iowa State University having earned both a Bachelor
15 of Science and a Master of Business Administration,
16 Senator Whitver started his first small business that
17 he grew into various other businesses, relying on both
18 the values with which he was raised and his experience
19 founding and growing a small business to shape his
20 political philosophy; and

21 WHEREAS, shortly after his first election to the
22 Senate, Senator Whitver earned his Juris Doctor from
23 Drake University Law School where he was named to the
24 Drake Law Review; and

25 WHEREAS, Senator Whitver was elected President of
26 the Senate by his colleagues in November 2016 and then
27 in March 2018, Senator Whitver was first elected as
28 the Senate Majority Leader, a position to which he was

1 reelected after the 2020 election, the 2022 election,
2 and the 2024 election; and

3 WHEREAS, Senator Whitver led one of the most
4 conservative, productive, and largest chamber majorities
5 in Iowa history, eventually gaining a Republican
6 supermajority in the Senate under his leadership, which
7 was the first time either party held such a majority in
8 over half a century, all while prioritizing conservative
9 legislative goals including simplifying the regulatory
10 structure in Iowa, historically reducing income tax,
11 and strongly protecting life and the Second Amendment,
12 while also focusing on solutions to critical issues like
13 protecting girls' sports and private spaces, welfare
14 reform, tort reform, and election integrity; and

15 WHEREAS, during his Senate tenure, Senator
16 Whitver has served on the Appropriations, Commerce,
17 Economic Growth, Government Oversight, Human Resources,
18 Judiciary, Labor and Business Relations, Rules and
19 Administration (chair), and State Government committees;
20 the Legislative Council (chair and vice chair), the
21 Administration Committee (chair and vice chair), the
22 Service Committee (chair and vice chair), the Studies
23 Committee (chair and vice chair), and the Capital
24 Projects Committee; the Council on Human Services,
25 the Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa (Hawki) Board,
26 the Iowa Innovation Council, the Iowa Law Enforcement
27 Academy Council, the Medical Assistance Projections and
28 Assessment Council; and the State Government Efficiency
29 Review Committee; and

30 WHEREAS, Senator Whitver is a faithful member of the

1 Lutheran Church of Hope and continues to enjoy his work
2 as an entrepreneur and attorney; and

3 WHEREAS, Senator Whitver looks forward to spending
4 more time with his wife Rachel and three children,
5 pursuing his next endeavors, and will be forever
6 grateful to the citizens of his district for placing
7 their trust in him; NOW THEREFORE,

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate honors
9 Senator Jack Whitver for his dedicated service to the
10 people of Iowa and wishes him all the best in the years
11 to come.

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