

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
7 Adams County, and is the fifth generation of his family
8 to be involved in agriculture in Adams County; and

9 WHEREAS, Senator Shipley earned a bachelor of
10 science degree in agricultural education from Iowa
11 State University of Science and Technology and devoted
12 much of his life to agriculture, including working as
13 a livestock production specialist for Land O'Lakes, a
14 feed department manager at United Farmers Mercantile
15 Coop, and director of issues and policy management for
16 the 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
21 for families, as well as being a continuing voice for
22 rural 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), Local
8 Government (chair), Natural Resources and Environment
9 (vice chair), and Transportation (vice chair)
10 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,
14 and Sex Offender Research Council; and

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