

Senate Resolution 119 - Introduced

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 119

BY COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

1 A Resolution honoring Senator Zach Wahls for his
2 service in the Iowa Senate.

3 WHEREAS, Senator Zach Wahls was first elected in
4 November 2018, and has proudly served in the Senate
5 ever since; and

6 WHEREAS, Senator Wahls learned at a young age about
7 hard work and public service by earning the rank of
8 Eagle Scout; and

9 WHEREAS, Senator Wahls received his bachelor's
10 degree from the University of Iowa and his master's
11 degree in public affairs from Princeton University's
12 School of Public and International Affairs; and

13 WHEREAS, following his 2011 testimony before the
14 Iowa House of Representatives Judiciary Committee
15 about growing up with lesbian parents in the midwest,
16 Senator Wahls worked primarily as an advocate in
17 the LGBTQ rights movement; wrote extensively about
18 his family's experience, including a best-selling
19 book; participated in numerous speaking engagements,
20 including a prime-time speech at the 2012 Democratic
21 Convention; and co-founded and led Scouts for Equality,
22 which successfully organized the national campaign
23 to end discrimination against LGBT people in the Boy
24 Scouts of America; and

25 WHEREAS, Senator Wahls served as Senate Democratic
26 Leader, and has served on multiple legislative
27 committees during his time in the Senate, including
28 the Agriculture, Appropriations, Commerce, Education,

1 Government Oversight, Health and Human Services,
2 Local Government, Rules and Administration (ranking
3 member), Technology, Veterans Affairs, Ways and
4 Means, and Workforce committees; the Administration
5 and Regulation Appropriations Subcommittee and the
6 Education Appropriations Subcommittee (ranking member);
7 the Regents Universities Study Committee; and the
8 Legislative Council; and

9 WHEREAS, Senator Wahls has further demonstrated his
10 commitment to civic engagement by serving on several
11 other boards and commissions, including the Advisory
12 Council for Agricultural Education, the Human Rights
13 Board, and the Iowa Finance Authority; and

14 WHEREAS, Senator Wahls decided to run for office
15 because he never forgot what it felt like to be left
16 out and how hard families like his had to fight simply
17 to get a seat at the table, and during his time in the
18 Senate he has been a tireless champion for the rights
19 of not only the LGBTQ community but for all Iowans; and

20 WHEREAS, Senator Wahls is grateful to the citizens
21 of his district for placing their trust in him, and
22 looks forward to his next endeavors and to spending
23 more time with his wife, Dr. Chloe Angyal, and their
24 son, Elijah; NOW THEREFORE,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate honors
26 Senator Zach Wahls for his years of service in the
27 Iowa Senate and wishes him all the best in the years
28 to come.