

Senate Resolution 121 - Introduced

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 121

BY COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

1 A Resolution honoring Senator Izaah Knox for his
2 service in the Iowa Senate.

3 WHEREAS, Senator Izaah Knox was first elected to the
4 Senate in November 2022, and has proudly served the
5 people of Des Moines and Senate district 17; and

6 WHEREAS, Senator Knox is a native Iowan and
7 currently resides in Des Moines with his wife Jenna and
8 three children Chance, Porter, and Johnnie; and

9 WHEREAS, Senator Knox diligently worked to bring the
10 people of Iowa together by working across the aisle
11 on legislation and coordinating events including the
12 Senate page dinner; and

13 WHEREAS, Senator Knox has worked to lift up the
14 people of Iowa through countless trips to the Capitol
15 dome; and

16 WHEREAS, Senator Knox graduated from Drake
17 University with a bachelor's degree in journalism and a
18 master's degree in education, is currently pursuing a
19 Ph.D. in educational leadership and policy studies from
20 Iowa State University, and graduated from the Goldman
21 Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses program; and

22 WHEREAS, in 2024, Senator Knox was honored as a
23 Top 500 Iowa Influential Business Leader and received
24 the Des Moines Area Community College Alumni Impact
25 Award; and

26 WHEREAS, during his Senate tenure, Senator Knox has
27 served on the Agriculture, Appropriations, Commerce
28 (ranking member), Judiciary, Local Government, Natural

1 Resources and Environment (ranking member), and
2 Technology committees; the Education Appropriations
3 Subcommittee and Justice System Appropriations
4 Subcommittee (ranking member); the Capital Projects
5 Committee; Economic Development Authority Board;
6 Iowa Law Enforcement Academy Council; the Legislative
7 Council; and the Iowa Legislative Black & Brown
8 Caucus; and

9 WHEREAS, Senator Knox currently serves as the
10 executive director of Urban Dreams, a Des Moines
11 community services nonprofit, with a mission to create
12 equal opportunity and access for people to pursue their
13 dreams; and

14 WHEREAS, Senator Knox has further demonstrated his
15 commitment to civic engagement through his volunteer
16 and leadership roles for several Des Moines area
17 organizations and institutions, including the Children
18 and Family Urban Movement, Bankers Trust Community
19 Advisory Board, Drake University Community Advisory,
20 American Heart Association, Food Bank of Iowa,
21 Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines, Pro Iowa
22 Advisory Council, and the Board of Trustees for Simpson
23 College; NOW THEREFORE,

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate honors
25 Senator Izaah Knox for his years of public service to
26 the people of Iowa and wishes him all the best in the
27 years to come.