

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 44

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1 A Resolution to recognize Dennis Clark and his  
2 associates for their service to wounded veterans  
3 of the Iraq war.

4 WHEREAS, Clark and Associates Prosthetics and  
5 Orthotics is located in Waterloo, Iowa, and is a  
6 leader in the field of orthotics and prosthetics; and

7 WHEREAS, owner Dennis Clark took over the company  
8 in 1987 and over the years has revolutionized the  
9 orthotics and prosthetics industry; and

10 WHEREAS, when the number of wounded American  
11 soldiers with lower limb amputations began to increase  
12 as a result of the Iraqi insurgency, the Walter Reed  
13 Army Medical Center turned to the company for  
14 assistance; and

15 WHEREAS, when Walter Reed administrators wanted to  
16 get wounded soldiers up and moving as quickly as  
17 possible, Mr. Clark and his associates stepped up to  
18 the challenge to make those soldiers whole again; and

19 WHEREAS, for 18 months, Mr. Clark and his  
20 associates, Matt Hutchings, Andrew Steele, John  
21 Costello, and Dean Sturch, have shuttled between  
22 Waterloo, and the Walter Reed Army Medical Center,  
23 meeting and measuring patients and sending information  
24 back to Waterloo, allowing patients to test their  
25 prosthetics within a week's time; and

26 WHEREAS, the unique needs of the younger, more  
27 athletic soldiers have challenged the expertise of Mr.  
28 Clark and his associates to develop and test new  
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1 concepts in prosthetics design; and

2 WHEREAS, the goal of the company is "to set the  
3 worldwide standard for the highest quality products  
4 and the fastest service to our clients and their  
5 patients", and that goal has been far exceeded by the  
6 dedicated service provided to America's wounded  
7 soldiers; NOW THEREFORE,

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
9 That the House of Representatives thanks Dennis Clark,  
10 Matt Hutchings, Andrew Steele, John Costello, and Dean  
11 Sturch and all of the employees of Clark and  
12 Associates Prosthetics and Orthotics for their service  
13 in the rehabilitation of wounded soldiers and for  
14 showing the nation that the spirit of selfless public  
15 service is alive and well in Iowa.

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