

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 128

BY BERRY

A Resolution designating January 2007 as mentoring month in Iowa.

WHEREAS, mentors serve as role models, advocates, friends, and advisors to youth in need; and

WHEREAS, mentoring is a proven, effective strategy to enable caring, responsible adults to provide guidance and build confidence, stability, and direction for individual children; and

WHEREAS, in Iowa, 46 percent of mentored teens are less likely to use drugs, 59 percent get better grades, and 73 percent strive for higher goals; and

WHEREAS, research demonstrates that mentoring has a positive impact on students by increasing attendance at school, improving rates of high school graduation and college attendance, and reducing involvement with drugs, alcohol, and violent behavior; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of January as mentoring month in Iowa will emphasize the importance of mentoring and pay tribute to the many Iowans and Americans already involved in mentoring; and

WHEREAS, the month-long celebration of mentoring will encourage more organizations, such as schools, businesses, faith communities, and individuals to support community service by getting involved in mentoring; and

WHEREAS, celebrations of mentoring would encourage more individuals to volunteer as mentors and help close the mentoring gap; NOW THEREFORE,

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1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
2 That the House of Representatives designates January
3 2007 as mentoring month in Iowa, and urges all Iowa
4 schools, businesses, faith communities, and individual
5 Iowans to become mentors and guides to Iowa's youth.
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