

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 43

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 4 KETTERING, MILLER, WIECK, McKIBBEN, HANCOCK,  
 5 IVERSON, ZIEMAN, LAMBERTI, ANGELO, GASKILL,  
 6 JOHNSON, BRUNKHORST, WARD, BOETTGER, PUTNEY,  
 7 MULDER, SHULL, ZAUN, BEHN, HAHN, SENG, HATCH,  
 8 and FRAISE

9 A Resolution to recognize Dennis Clark and his  
 10 associates for their service to wounded veterans  
 11 of the Iraq war.

12 WHEREAS, Clark and Associates Prosthetics and  
 13 Orthotics is located in Waterloo, Iowa, and is a  
 14 leader in the field of orthotics and prosthetics; and

15 WHEREAS, owner Dennis Clark took over the company  
 16 in 1987 and over the years has revolutionized the  
 17 orthotics and prosthetics industry; and

18 WHEREAS, when the number of wounded American  
 19 soldiers with lower limb amputations began to increase  
 20 as a result of the Iraqi insurgency, the Walter Reed  
 21 Army Medical Center turned to the company for  
 22 assistance; and

23 WHEREAS, when Walter Reed administrators wanted to  
 24 get wounded soldiers up and moving as quickly as  
 25 possible, Mr. Clark and his associates stepped up to  
 26 the challenge to make those soldiers whole again; and

27 WHEREAS, for 18 months, Mr. Clark and his  
 28 associates, Matt Hutchings, Andrew Steele, John  
 29 Costello, and Dean Sturch, have shuttled between  
 30 Waterloo, and the Walter Reed Army Medical Center,

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1 meeting and measuring patients and sending information  
2 back to Waterloo, allowing patients to test their  
3 prosthetics within a week's time; and

4 WHEREAS, the unique needs of the younger, more  
5 athletic soldiers have challenged the expertise of Mr.  
6 Clark and his associates to develop and test new  
7 concepts in prosthetics design; and

8 WHEREAS, the goal of the company is "to set the  
9 worldwide standard for the highest quality products  
10 and the fastest service to our clients and their  
11 patients", and that goal has been far exceeded by the  
12 dedicated service provided to America's wounded  
13 soldiers; NOW THEREFORE,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate  
15 thanks Dennis Clark, Matt Hutchings, Andrew Steele,  
16 John Costello, and Dean Sturch and all of the  
17 employees of Clark and Associates Prosthetics and  
18 Orthotics for their service in the rehabilitation of  
19 wounded soldiers and for showing the nation that the  
20 spirit of selfless public service is alive and well in  
21 Iowa.

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