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1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 152

2 BY DANIELSON, DOTZLER, BRUNKHORST, and KIBBIE  
3 A Resolution honoring Robert Koob, President of the  
4 University of Northern Iowa.

5 WHEREAS, Robert Koob was born in Graettinger, Iowa,  
6 graduated from the Hawarden High School in 1959 and  
7 from the University of Northern Iowa in 1962, and in  
8 1967 received a doctorate in chemistry from the  
9 University of Kansas; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Koob has always been a devoted  
11 educator, holding positions as a teaching assistant at  
12 the University of Kansas, a high school math and  
13 science teacher in Merville, Iowa, and a researcher at  
14 the University of Kansas; and

15 WHEREAS, in 1967 he began teaching chemistry at  
16 North Dakota State University as an assistant  
17 professor, achieving the rank of professor by 1972,  
18 and thereafter serving in several different positions  
19 including vice president for academic affairs and  
20 interim president; and

21 WHEREAS, from 1990 to 1995 Dr. Koob was senior vice  
22 president and vice president for academic affairs at  
23 California Polytechnic State University at San Luis  
24 Obispo, California; and

25 WHEREAS, in 1995 Dr. Koob returned home to Iowa,  
26 taking his place as the eighth president of the  
27 University of Northern Iowa and the first alumnus to  
28 assume the presidency; and

29 WHEREAS, under his leadership, the University of  
30 Northern Iowa experienced a phenomenal level of

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1 institutional development, including construction of  
2 the Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center, the  
3 Freeburg Early Childhood Program, and the Center for  
4 Multicultural Education, the expansion of McCollum  
5 Science Hall, Lang Hall, and Maucker Union, and  
6 groundbreaking on the McLeod Center and the Business  
7 and Community Services building; and

8 WHEREAS, President Koob has always been involved in  
9 the larger community, currently serving as a co-chair  
10 of the Institute for Tomorrow's Workforce and also  
11 serving on the Iowa Empowerment Board, Iowa Education  
12 Roundtable, Iowa Business Council, Governor's  
13 Strategic Planning Council, Iowa Commission on  
14 Volunteer Services, Iowa Coordinating Council for Post  
15 High School Education, Iowa Association of College  
16 Presidents, and Des Moines Higher Education Center  
17 Board of Directors, and participating on a national  
18 level with various educational organizations; and

19 WHEREAS, President Koob has garnered numerous  
20 personal awards, including the 2002 Cedar Valley  
21 Business Hall of Fame award, the 2003 Cedar Falls  
22 Representative Citizen of the Year award, and, in  
23 2004, the Benjamin Franklin Award from the Eastern  
24 Iowa Chapter of the Association of Fundraising  
25 Professionals for outstanding charitable service; and

26 WHEREAS, after four decades of public service and a  
27 dedication to excellence, President Koob announced his  
28 intention to retire from the presidency at the end of  
29 the 2005-2006 academic year; NOW THEREFORE,

30 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate

1 honors University of Northern Iowa's President Robert  
2 Koob for a lifetime of service and remarkable  
3 achievements and for his tenure as President of the  
4 University of Northern Iowa, where he guided his alma  
5 mater into the 21st century; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon adoption, an  
7 official copy of this Resolution be prepared for  
8 presentation to President Koob.

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