

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 153

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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 Hawarden High School in 1959 and from
7 the University of Northern Iowa in 1962, and in 1967
8 received a doctorate in chemistry from the University
9 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
22 vice president and vice president for academic affairs
23 at 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, President Koob has led with the core value
27 of quality as his touchstone and has placed a high
28 priority on the quality of the learning environment
29 for students, working collaboratively with students
30 and the entire campus community to continuously

1 improve the university and its relationships with all
2 sectors of education; and

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

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate
8 honors University of Northern Iowa's President Robert
9 Koob for a lifetime of service and remarkable
10 achievements and for his tenure as President of the
11 University of Northern Iowa, where he guided his alma
12 mater into the 21st century; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon adoption, an
14 official copy of this Resolution be prepared for
15 presentation to President Koob.

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