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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 16

BY METCALF and RAECKER

A House Resolution honoring Theresa J. Uchytel.

WHEREAS, Theresa Uchytel was crowned Miss Iowa 2000, on June 10, 2000; and

WHEREAS, Theresa Uchytel has been twirling baton for nearly 20 years, achieving such high honors as becoming the World Open Strut and Solo Baton-Twirling Champion and the Head Majorette Instructor for the Marching Auxiliaries of America, and playing basketball, softball, and other sports, in spite of the challenge of having been born without her left hand; and

WHEREAS, Theresa Uchytel refuses to be defined by her handicap and seeks to encourage people, regardless of their challenge, to overcome the obstacles in their lives; and

WHEREAS, Theresa Uchytel adopted as her Miss Iowa pageant platform "Facing the Challenge", which involved plans to educate the public about Americans with disabilities and how to obtain care; and was selected first runner-up for the "Quality of Life Award" in the Miss America pageant due to this platform; and

WHEREAS, Theresa Uchytel is a national spokesperson for the Shriners Hospitals for Children, and was appointed a national advocate for the Americans With Disabilities Act; and

WHEREAS, Theresa Uchytel's achievements surpass mere outward beauty, and exemplify personality traits

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1 and perseverance that all Iowans should embrace; NOW

2 THEREFORE,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

4 That the House of Representatives congratulates

5 Theresa Uchytel on her successful reign as Miss Iowa

6 2000, recognizes her talents and personal

7 achievements, and wishes her great success in her

8 future endeavors.

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