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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 103

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3 DOTZLER, FALLON, WITT, MASCHER, JENKINS, SHOULTZ,
4 LENSING, HANSEN, HOVERSTEN, CHIODO, JACOBS,
5 and KLEMME

6 A House Resolution honoring Goodwill Industries
7 International in its centennial year.

8 WHEREAS, Goodwill Industries International, Inc.
9 turns 100 years old in 2002; and

10 WHEREAS, Goodwill Industries International is the
11 world's largest private sector employer of people with
12 disabilities and has served more than 5 million people
13 in its first 100 years; and

14 WHEREAS, Goodwill member organizations help
15 individuals succeed in the workplace and in life by
16 providing job training, job placement, and support for
17 people with physical, financial, and educational
18 challenges; and

19 WHEREAS, five autonomous Goodwills serve the State
20 of Iowa, with services provided in all quadrants of
21 the state, including Sioux City, Waterloo, Des Moines,
22 Council Bluffs, and Iowa City; and

23 WHEREAS, the five Goodwills serving Iowa make a
24 significant contribution in the reduction, reuse, and
25 recycling of goods by diverting millions of pounds of
26 household goods from Iowa landfills each year; and

27 WHEREAS, the founder of Goodwill Industries
28 International, Dr. Edgar J. Helms, had Iowa roots,
29 having arrived in Iowa by covered wagon in 1865,
30 spending his youth on a farm near East Lake Okoboji,

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1 working on newspapers in Spirit Lake, Peterson, and
2 Sioux Rapids, and receiving his college degree from
3 Cornell College in Mount Vernon; and

4 WHEREAS, the vision of Goodwill Industries is more
5 than 100 years old, but the concept and practice
6 remains relevant today, with 180 member organizations
7 in the United States, Canada, and the Pacific Basin,
8 and another 45 associate member organizations located
9 in 34 countries; and

10 WHEREAS, Goodwill Industries has changed and
11 adapted today to meet the needs of society; the three
12 concepts of Goodwill as envisioned by Dr. Helms --
13 Community, Independence, Dignity -- remain constant
14 and are embodied in the provision of work which
15 enables individuals to contribute and participate in
16 the economic and social vitality of the community,
17 which gives the satisfaction and freedom of self-
18 support, and which fosters self-esteem and the pride
19 of accomplishment; and

20 WHEREAS, the Council of Iowa Goodwill Industries
21 served more than 4,000 men, women, and children in
22 2001; NOW THEREFORE,

23 BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
24 That Dr. Edgar J. Helms be regarded as an Iowa
25 treasure, whose leadership and vision gave birth to
26 Goodwill Industries International, Inc., and to the
27 establishment of five member Goodwills serving the
28 State of Iowa, thereby creating opportunities for and
29 helping thousands of Iowans toward brighter futures;
30 and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of
2 Representatives extends its thanks and congratulations
3 to Goodwill Industries International, Inc. and the
4 five Goodwills that serve the State of Iowa as they
5 celebrate their centennial year in 2002; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the
7 House of Representatives prepare an official copy of
8 this Resolution to be presented to Goodwill Industries
9 International, Inc. and the five Goodwills that serve
10 the State of Iowa.

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