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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 116

BY FOEGE, ELGIN, LARSON, MANTERNACH, SHEY,
D. TAYLOR, and T. TAYLOR

A Resolution honoring Jennifer Erbe for being named
Iowa Teacher of the Year for 2002.

WHEREAS, Ms. Jennifer Erbe graduated with highest
honors and received a bachelor of arts degree in
Elementary Education from the University of Northern
Iowa; and

WHEREAS, Since graduating from the University of
Northern Iowa, Ms. Erbe has taught at the first-grade
level and currently teaches at the third-grade level
at Starry Elementary School in Marion; and

WHEREAS, only seven years into her teaching career,
Ms. Erbe has distinguished herself with her innovative
methods in teaching science to young children; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Erbe recently trained fellow teachers
to facilitate Kids Doing Science activities; trained
24 fellow teachers in 1997 to use the computer, e-
mail, and the Internet for classroom instruction;
collaborated with a group of science teachers from
school districts throughout the local area education
agency to improve student learning in science; and
acted as a cooperating teacher with the Mount Mercy
College and Coe College practitioner preparation
programs; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Erbe has achieved National Board for
Professional Teaching Standards certification, is a
recipient of the Marion Independent School District
School Board Salute, the Rockwell-Collins Outstanding

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1 Educator Honorable Mention, the Greater Cedar Rapids
2 Foundation Grant, and the US West Teacher Technology
3 Grant; and

4 WHEREAS, Governor Thomas Vilsack honored Ms. Erbe
5 as Iowa's 2002 Teacher of the Year at an awards
6 ceremony in Des Moines on Wednesday, March 20, 2002;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, as Iowa's Teacher of the Year, Ms. Erbe is
9 granted a one-year sabbatical to visit schools and to
10 speak to community groups as Iowa's Ambassador for
11 Education during the 2002-2003 school year and will
12 use that time on efforts aimed at retaining young
13 teachers, creating better science programs for
14 students in kindergarten through third grade, and on
15 improving parent-teacher communication through the
16 Internet; NOW THEREFORE,

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE, That the House honors
18 Ms. Jennifer Erbe of Starry Elementary School in
19 Marion for her exemplary work in education, her
20 leadership abilities, her efforts and achievements in
21 teaching Iowa students to enjoy and understand
22 science, and for her outstanding accomplishment in
23 being named the Iowa Teacher of the Year for 2002.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an official copy of
25 this Resolution be prepared for presentation to Ms.
26 Jennifer Erbe.

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