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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 134

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A Resolution honoring Diane E. Bolender upon her retirement as Director of the Legislative Service Bureau.

WHEREAS, Diane E. Bolender is retiring as the Director of the Legislative Service Bureau after serving in that capacity for nearly 13 years; and

WHEREAS, Diane's service at the Legislative Service Bureau has spanned five decades and nearly 35 years; and

WHEREAS, Diane began her legislative career working for the Iowa General Assembly in 1967 prior to the time when the General Assembly first began meeting each year in regular session, and when the Legislative Service Bureau was a young central staff agency; and

WHEREAS, Diane's academic degree in history, government, and education and her experience working for the Omaha Public Schools as a high school government teacher served her well in preparing her for her drafting, staffing, and research work at the Legislative Service Bureau; and

WHEREAS, Diane exhibited her commitment to the General Assembly and the citizens of this state by quickly becoming an expert in the drafting of bills and staffing of committees in the areas of education, education finance, public retirement systems, and state government; and

WHEREAS, Diane continually assumed more responsibility throughout her career at the Legislative Service Bureau, becoming a Senior Research

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1 Analyst in 1980, assuming the position of Research
2 Division Chief in 1987, being elevated to Deputy
3 Director in 1988, and being named by the Legislative
4 Council as Director in 1989; and

5 WHEREAS, Diane has been an exceptional and much-
6 beloved staff person in the Legislative Service
7 Bureau, continually exclaiming her exuberance for
8 legislative staffing, exercising her devotion and
9 loyalty to the General Assembly as an institution and
10 as a co-equal branch of government, and pursuing her
11 untiring resolve to always prepare the highest quality
12 work products for the General Assembly in the shortest
13 time frame possible; and

14 WHEREAS, Diane has been extremely active in
15 representing the Iowa General Assembly in national
16 legislative organizations, including the Education
17 Commission of the States, the National Conference of
18 State Legislatures, and the Council of State
19 Governments; and

20 WHEREAS, Diane was elected to the highest
21 legislative staff position in the nation as the
22 National Conference of State Legislatures' Staff Chair
23 for 2000-2001, representing more than 30,000
24 legislative staff around the country and endeavoring
25 to serve them through the programs and services
26 offered by this dynamic professional association of
27 legislators and staff; and

28 WHEREAS, Diane's other activities for the National
29 Conference of State Legislatures have included serving
30 as a founding member of the Education Staff Network,

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1 serving as the Chair of the Research and Committee
2 Staff Section, serving as Staff Chair of the Assembly
3 on the Legislature and of the Assembly on State
4 Issues, and serving two terms on the Executive
5 Committee; and

6 WHEREAS, Diane has also served as a staff member of
7 the national Executive Committee of the Council of
8 State Governments and worked as the principal
9 legislative staff person and liaison to the Council of
10 State Governments' staff when the Iowa General
11 Assembly hosted the 1992 National Annual Meeting of
12 the Council of State Governments and the 1994
13 Midwestern Legislative Conference Meeting of the
14 Council of State Governments in Des Moines; and

15 WHEREAS, it is fitting that the House of
16 Representatives should recognize Diane's extraordinary
17 and long-term public service, her unsurpassed devotion
18 to the legislature as an institution, her inspiring
19 leadership in the Legislative Service Bureau's
20 fulfillment of its nonpartisan drafting and staffing
21 missions, and her determined attention to the
22 lawmaking functions of the General Assembly; NOW

23 THEREFORE,

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
25 That the House of Representatives pay tribute to Diane
26 E. Bolender, Director of the Legislative Service
27 Bureau, for her extraordinary and inspiring
28 accomplishments as the leader and manager of the
29 General Assembly's nonpartisan drafting and staffing
30 agency, and for her devoted service over nearly 35

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1 years to the General Assembly and the citizens of this
2 state, and, upon her retirement, wish her the very
3 best in the years ahead; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the
5 House of Representatives prepare an official copy of
6 this Resolution for presentation to Diane E.
7 Bolender.

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