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1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 117

2 BY DVORSKY and KING

3 A Concurrent Resolution honoring Mr. Harold "Tommy"
4 Thompson upon his retirement as the Executive
5 Director of the Iowa Communications Network.

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Harold "Tommy" Thompson has had a long
7 and distinguished career of service to the citizens of
8 the State of Iowa, highlighted by serving as State
9 Project Coordinator for the Papal Visit in 1979,
10 spearheading the Statewide Recovery Task Force
11 associated with the farm crisis in 1985, chairing the
12 Iowa Flood Recovery Task Force from 1993 through 1995,
13 and serving as the Executive Director of the Iowa 2010
14 Project aimed at improving the quality of life in Iowa
15 by the year 2010; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Thompson served in the Iowa National
17 Guard for over 40 years, and formerly held the
18 position of Deputy Adjutant General; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Thompson has served as the Executive
20 Director of the Iowa Communications Network since its
21 inception in 1994; and

22 WHEREAS, under Mr. Thompson's leadership, the Iowa
23 Communications Network has become the largest fully
24 automated full motion video network in the world,
25 providing advanced services to education, state and
26 federal government, library, telemedicine, and
27 telejustice users; and

28 WHEREAS, Mr. Thompson's commitment to integrating
29 technologies to enhance Iowa's quality of life has
30 resulted in reducing the digital divide which

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1 previously isolated rural communities in the state and
2 has assured authorized users of the Iowa
3 Communications Network low-cost access to network
4 services; and

5 WHEREAS, during his tenure with the Iowa
6 Communications Network, Mr. Thompson created the
7 network structure, completed the Part III connections
8 to school districts and libraries bringing the total
9 number of classrooms connected to the network to 754,
10 and made substantial progress toward the completion of
11 a major network upgrade and increase in services; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Thompson's vision and stewardship have
13 brought the Iowa Communications Network alive for
14 thousands of students and citizens of the State of
15 Iowa, opening up opportunities for learning and access
16 to needed services which would otherwise not exist;
17 NOW THEREFORE,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF
19 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the General Assembly
20 of the State of Iowa pay tribute to Mr. Harold "Tommy"
21 Thompson for his outstanding accomplishments on behalf
22 of, and devoted service to, the Iowa Communications
23 Network and the citizens of this state, and, upon his
24 retirement, wish him health and happiness in the years
25 ahead; and

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an official copy of
27 this Resolution be prepared and presented to Mr.
28 Harold "Tommy" Thompson.

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