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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 13

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1 A Resolution recognizing the Right Reverend C.
2 Christopher Epting.

3 WHEREAS, the Right Reverend C. Christopher Epting,
4 Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa, was born in
5 Greenville, South Carolina, raised in Orlando,
6 Florida, graduated from the University of Florida in
7 1969, and from Seabury-Western Theological Seminary in
8 1972; and

9 WHEREAS, Bishop Epting served congregations large
10 and small, urban and rural, as a parish priest, served
11 for a time as the Dean of the Institute for Christian
12 Studies, and received a master's degree in Sacred
13 Theology from the General Theological Seminary in New
14 York for his work in spiritual direction; and

15 WHEREAS, Bishop Epting was elected Bishop of Iowa
16 in 1988, and has since worked to empower ministry,
17 strengthen the role and presence of deacons, emphasize
18 adult education and spiritual renewal, and develop
19 cooperative ministry between churches, and has been
20 active in ecumenical relations; and

21 WHEREAS, Bishop Epting serves as chief pastor of
22 the 63 Episcopal congregations in the Diocese of Iowa,
23 and serves as a member of the National Standing
24 Commission on Ecumenical Relations and President of
25 Province IV of the Episcopal Church, and as Bishop
26 Visitor to the Community of the Transfiguration in
27 Cincinnati, Ohio; and

28 WHEREAS, Bishop Epting was instrumental in drafting

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1 the document "Called to Common Mission," effecting
2 full communion between the Episcopal Church and the
3 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; and

4 WHEREAS, Bishop Epting believes that people of all
5 faith traditions need to join together to help all
6 peoples of the world to enrich one another in faith,
7 and to live peacefully linked to one another in
8 community; and

9 WHEREAS, Bishop Epting has recently been called to
10 serve as the Presiding Bishop's Deputy for Ecumenical
11 and Interfaith Relations at the National Episcopal
12 Church, and will begin service at the National
13 Episcopal Church office in New York in mid-April 2001;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Bishop Epting has been a major influence
16 in Iowa and in the Des Moines community, has offered
17 the opening prayer in the Iowa Senate, and has been a
18 leader of the ecumenical services held at the Capitol;
19 NOW THEREFORE,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate honor
21 the Right Reverend C. Christopher Epting, thank him
22 for his years of service to the people of Iowa, and
23 wish him success in his future endeavors.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the
25 Senate shall send a copy of this Resolution to the
26 Right Reverend C. Christopher Epting.

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