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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 158

BY COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

A Resolution honoring Thane R. Johnson upon his retirement from the Legislative Service Bureau as a Senior Research Analyst.

WHEREAS, Thane R. Johnson is retiring from the Legislative Service Bureau as a Senior Research Analyst after serving for nearly 33 years as a Research Analyst with almost 28 of those years serving as a Senior Research Analyst; and

WHEREAS, Thane began his career working for the Iowa General Assembly in 1969 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, Thane's bachelor and master's degrees in political science and his experience working for the South Dakota State Legislative Research Council and the Polk-Des Moines Taxpayers Association served him well in preparing him for his drafting, staffing, and research work for the Legislative Service Bureau; and

WHEREAS, Thane exhibited his commitment to the General Assembly and the citizens of this state by becoming an expert in the drafting of bills and staffing of committees in the areas of alcoholic beverages, gambling, hunting and fishing, and local government; and

WHEREAS, Thane has been a much-beloved staff person in the Legislative Service Bureau, sharing his cheery personality, enlightening his fellow employees and the

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1 Bureau's pages with his highly developed sense of
2 humor, and exercising his musical talents; and

3 WHEREAS, Thane has been active in representing the
4 Iowa General Assembly in many Midwestern meetings of
5 the Council of State Governments; and

6 WHEREAS, it is fitting that the Senate should
7 recognize Thane's long-term public service, his hard
8 work, his dedication to the nonpartisan drafting and
9 staffing missions of the Legislative Service Bureau,
10 and his attention to the lawmaking functions of the
11 General Assembly; NOW THEREFORE,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate pay
13 tribute to Thane R. Johnson, Senior Research Analyst
14 of the Legislative Service Bureau, for his
15 extraordinary accomplishments as a bill drafter and
16 committee staffer, and for his devoted service to the
17 General Assembly and the citizens of this state, and,
18 upon his retirement, wish him the very best in the
19 years ahead; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the
21 Senate prepare an official copy of this Resolution for
22 presentation to Thane R. Johnson.

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