

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 108

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1 A Resolution commending Iowa sheriffs, sheriff's  
2 deputies and peace officers for their efforts in the  
3 enactment of legislation reducing the number of  
4 methamphetamine laboratories in Iowa.

5 WHEREAS, Iowa was leading the nation in the number  
6 of methamphetamine laboratories reported in 2004 and  
7 2005; and

8 WHEREAS, pseudoephedrine, a commonly used medicine  
9 for colds and flu, is known to be one of the main and  
10 critical ingredients required to manufacture  
11 methamphetamine; and

12 WHEREAS, Harrison County was one of the first local  
13 governments to adopt an ordinance to restrict the  
14 direct access to pseudoephedrine products at retail  
15 stores; and

16 WHEREAS, when nearly every other county in the  
17 state was experiencing a surge in the number of  
18 methamphetamine laboratories, Harrison County  
19 experienced a dramatic drop in its numbers; and

20 WHEREAS, Sheriff Terry Baxter was a leading  
21 proponent of restricting access to pseudoephedrine in  
22 Harrison County and shared his county's experience  
23 with other local and state law enforcement and drug  
24 control officers; and

25 WHEREAS, Sheriff Baxter and other Iowa sheriffs,  
26 sheriff's deputies, and peace officers shared their  
27 experiences in fighting methamphetamine laboratories  
28 with lawmakers, made many visits to the Statehouse to

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1 provide testimony, and supported the passage of Senate  
2 File 169 in 2005; and

3 WHEREAS, the implementation of Senate File 169 has  
4 resulted in a decrease in the number of  
5 methamphetamine laboratories discovered in Iowa by  
6 more than 90 percent in one year; NOW THEREFORE,

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
8 That the House of Representatives commends all Iowa  
9 sheriffs, sheriff's deputies, and peace officers,  
10 including Sheriff Terry Baxter of Harrison County, and  
11 state and local drug control and narcotics officers  
12 for their efforts in the enactment of legislation  
13 resulting in the reduction of the number of  
14 methamphetamine laboratories discovered in Iowa; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of  
16 Representatives will continue to work cooperatively  
17 with local and state law enforcement, drug control,  
18 and narcotics officers to seek additional solutions to  
19 fight methamphetamine use and abuse in Iowa.

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