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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 135

BY RAECKER

A Resolution recognizing the Iowa premiere of Disney's The Lion King at the Civic Center of Greater Des Moines.

WHEREAS, the Civic Center of Greater Des Moines, a nonprofit performing arts center, has served the people of Iowa for more than 25 years, engaging some 6 million patrons in world-class entertainment, education, and cultural activities since 1979; and

WHEREAS, on Friday, March 3, 2006, the Civic Center welcomed its most historic production yet to Des Moines, Disney's The Lion King, making its Iowa premiere as part of the Civic Center's 2005-2006 Betts Broadway Series; and

WHEREAS, this theatrical epic, winner of six Tony Awards in 1998, will become the longest-running Broadway production in Iowa history with a record six-week run of 45 performances from March 3 through April 9, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Disney's The Lion King will play to a record audience of 120,000 across its entire run, drawing visitors from every corner of Iowa and from throughout the Midwest to Des Moines, creating an economic impact in the millions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, Des Moines represents the second-smallest market in the world to host the show, and is currently one of just eight places on the globe to see Disney's The Lion King; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That the House of Representatives congratulates the

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1 Civic Center of Greater Des Moines on making Iowa
2 theatrical history and welcomes the cast and crew of
3 Disney's The Lion King to Iowa and their new home in
4 Des Moines; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon adoption, an
6 official copy of this Resolution be prepared for
7 presentation to the Civic Center President and Chief
8 Executive Officer Jeff Chelesvig, staff members, and
9 the touring company of Disney's The Lion King.

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