

1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 61
2 BY BOLKCOM
3 A Resolution honoring Marilynne Robinson for her
4 Pulitzer Prize-winning novel "Gilead".
5 WHEREAS, Marilynne Robinson has been a faculty
6 member at the famed Iowa Writers' Workshop at the
7 University of Iowa for 14 years; and
8 WHEREAS, Marilynne Robinson authored the novel
9 "Housekeeping" in 1981, earning respect for her style
10 and a Pulitzer Prize nomination for her inaugural
11 effort; and
12 WHEREAS, Marilynne Robinson was a recipient of a
13 Strauss Living, awarded by the American Academy of
14 Arts and Letters, giving up the remaining three years
15 of the honor to continue her mentoring of writers in
16 Iowa; and
17 WHEREAS, Marilynne Robinson also has published two
18 important nonfiction works, placing her in the upper
19 echelon of modern essayists; and
20 WHEREAS, Marilynne Robinson continues to prove her
21 skill and unique touch by crafting a second award-
22 worthy novel, garnering praise and acclaim from across
23 the nation; and
24 WHEREAS, Marilynne Robinson has created "Gilead", a
25 peaceful, mesmerizing, and beautiful look at the
26 relationship between a father and son in rural 1950s
27 Iowa, exploring the complex nature of one's faith and
28 future; and
29 WHEREAS, Marilynne Robinson has received the honor
30 of earning the National Book Critics' Circle Award and

SR
61
RULES & ADMINISTRATION

1 the celebrated Pulitzer Prize for "Gilead"; and
2 WHEREAS, Marilynne Robinson uses the style of
3 flashbacks and letters to illustrate her delicate
4 message, relating a father's wisdom and life events to
5 his young son; and

6 WHEREAS, Marilynne Robinson allows the reader to
7 feel the poetry and tranquility of the language,
8 bringing heartfelt descriptions to entertaining
9 characters and situations; and

10 WHEREAS, Marilynne Robinson explores the ageless
11 questions of time, eternity, and what lies ahead for
12 us all; NOW THEREFORE,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate
14 congratulates Marilynne Robinson for her achievements
15 in writing, focus on teaching, and ability to make us
16 feel what is beautiful.

17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34
35