

1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 102

2 BY JOHNSON and BOETTGER

3 A Resolution honoring the life and accomplishments of  
4 Hugh Sidey.

5 WHEREAS, the profession of journalism has lost one  
6 of its most accomplished members with the passing of  
7 Hugh Sidey on November 21, 2005; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Sidey was born in Greenfield, Iowa, on  
9 September 3, 1927, and attended Iowa State University;  
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11 WHEREAS, Mr. Sidey began his remarkable career in  
12 journalism working in the family newspaper in  
13 Greenfield after being turned down by the Meredith  
14 Corporation and the Des Moines Register as  
15 "unqualified"; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Sidey moved to the national scene in  
17 1955, working for Life magazine and later rising to  
18 become a veteran Time magazine correspondent covering  
19 the United States presidency for more than 40 years,  
20 from President Dwight Eisenhower to President George  
21 H. W. Bush; and

22 WHEREAS, a few of the highlights of Mr. Sidey's  
23 career include covering President John F. Kennedy and  
24 Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev at the Vienna summit  
25 meeting; covering the assassination of President  
26 Kennedy in November 1963; writing Time magazine's "The  
27 Presidency" column in 1966; traveling with President  
28 Richard Nixon on the President's breakthrough visit to  
29 China in 1972 and recording President Nixon's exit  
30 from Washington when the President resigned two years

1 later; meeting regularly with President Ronald Reagan  
2 during his eight years in office and covering the  
3 president's famous "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this  
4 wall" speech; being at the White House when President  
5 Bill Clinton brought Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak  
6 Rabin and Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman  
7 Yasser Arafat together for the famous 1993 handshake  
8 that began peace talks between Israel and the  
9 Palestine Liberation Organization; and serving as the  
10 narrator and interviewer in the popular 2000 public  
11 television series "The American President"; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Sidey never forgot his Iowa roots and  
13 visited Iowa several times each year and frequently  
14 attributed his success in life to his Iowa beginnings;  
15 NOW THEREFORE,

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate  
17 honors the memory of Iowa's native son Hugh Sidey and  
18 celebrates both his life and his accomplishments.

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