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1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 150

2 BY BEALL, WARNSTADT, CONNOLLY, RAGAN, HATCH,  
3 DANIELSON, DOTZLER, DVORSKY, HORN, WOOD, SENG,  
4 KREIMAN, DEARDEN, RIELLY, HANCOCK, SCHOENJAHN,  
5 FRAISE, COURTNEY, QUIRMBACH, KIBBIE, BOLKCOM,  
6 STEWART, JOHNSON, MULDER, BEHN, ZAUN, WARD,  
7 and PUTNEY

8 A Resolution requesting that the United States Postal  
9 Service issue a commemorative stamp honoring Iowa  
10 composer Karl L. King.

11 WHEREAS, famed composer Karl Lawrence King started  
12 playing in circus bands as a boy and was later the  
13 director of the Barnum and Bailey Circus band; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. King moved to Fort Dodge, Iowa, in  
15 1920 and put down deep Iowa roots; and

16 WHEREAS, in Fort Dodge Mr. King directed the  
17 municipal band for over 50 years and started his own  
18 music publishing company, while his wife, Ruth, ran an  
19 adjoining company that sold musical instruments; and

20 WHEREAS, every year from 1921 to 1959, Mr. King led  
21 the band at the Iowa State Fair; and

22 WHEREAS, in his long career Mr. King reached fame  
23 as a composer of band music and in many ways was the  
24 successor to John Philip Sousa, and actually wrote  
25 more marches; and

26 WHEREAS, Mr. King wrote hundreds of marches,  
27 waltzes, overtures, and serenades which are still  
28 played around the world; and

29 WHEREAS, Mr. King was a tireless supporter of music  
30 education, playing a key role in the enactment of the

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1 Iowa Band Law which enabled local communities to levy  
2 a small tax to support a local municipal band, and Mr.  
3 King wrote The Iowa Band Law March to commemorate that  
4 event; and

5 WHEREAS, the Iowa Band Law led directly to the  
6 birth of the school band movement; and

7 WHEREAS, before his death in 1971, Mr. King had  
8 received medals and honors from all over the country,  
9 including the Iowa Award, making him only the sixth  
10 person so honored and the only musician; NOW

11 THEREFORE,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That in recognition  
13 of his lifetime of achievements the Senate requests  
14 that the United States Postal Service issue a  
15 commemorative stamp honoring Iowa composer Karl  
16 Lawrence King.

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