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HOUSE RESOLUTION 6

Whereas, Senator Bourke B. Hickenlooper is scheduled to be in Des Moines and appear before the Senate on the morning of February 14, 1955;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Speaker of the House extend an invitation to Senator Hickenlooper to address the House of Representatives at 11:30 a.m. on February 14, 1955.

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Kosek of Linn offered the following remarks:

Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is a high privilege and a great personal honor for me to present to my fellow Representatives our guest today. Perhaps no man in Iowa less needs an introduction. Our next speaker is the senior Republican member of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy; one of the Republicans' strongest voices in the United States Senate Committee on Agriculture, and a veteran member of the committee which has recently been called the most powerful committee in the world, the United States Senate Committee of Foreign Affairs. Our guest this morning, who undoubtedly is a warm personal friend of everyone in this room, is among that small handful of national leaders destined to help in the shaping of world events. I am sure you will understand when I first refer to him as Linn County's favorite son, but in the interest of accuracy and with considerable pride, I present him to you as Iowa's favorite son: the Senior United States Senator from Iowa, the Honorable Bourke B. Hickenlooper.

Some excerpts from the Senator's address:

I think that today I am thoroughly convinced . . . indeed I become more convinced each year as the years go by and I grow in understanding of government that the fundamental strength of this country is in halls like this one in each of the forty-eight states of our Union.

Now for just a moment I would like to visit with you about some of the tensions that are abroad in the world today. Some of these tensions are within the United States, but in the main, the tensions we are under today result from the international situation, a situation which is close to the heart of every American citizen. We are a nation dedicated to peace. We have done more in the interest of peace through sacrifice of life and unlimited amounts of money, than any other country in the history of the world has ever done. Yet we do not have a secure peace in the world today. It is a matter of great concern to each of us today. In this country, in the United States so far as domestic affairs are concerned, I think we have reason for optimism.

I think it is proof positive, if you please, of the great results of the courage and the good sense of the American people who determine that they will go on with their economy in a reasonable way, in an expanding way, and in a peaceful way.

The only thing I feel is that if principle is involved, then principle must be maintained, and men of good will and who value the dignity of the human being, his opportunities and his possibilities, must definitely participate, even though it may mean, and God grant that it does not mean, tremendous sacrifice because if principle is not defended, then principle will be destroyed and we in our homes will suffer as a result of it.

I know that if we keep faith with our principles, they will prevail against the forces of darkness that are trying to defeat us.

Thank you for the honor of coming back into these halls. I feel much at home and much honored.