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Herbert Hoover Uncommon Public Service Award Winners Named

DES MOINES, IOWA – Wednesday, April 2, 2014 – Representative Steven Olson and Senator Nancy Boettger were recognized today by the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library Association for ‘Uncommon Public Service’ to the people of Iowa. The Association established the award to be presented annually to one member of the Iowa House and the Iowa Senate who exemplifies Herbert Hoover’s humanitarian efforts and commitment with uncommon service. The nominees are judged solely on their public service and humanitarian projects. Names, locations and political affiliation of the nominated legislators are not seen by the judges.

Representative Bobby Kaufmann presented the award to Olson before members of the House as the session opened. “Being ‘uncommon’ is a quality of life and of service that we see often in our great state,” said Rep. Kaufmann. “We find uncommon people in our schools, churches, courts and hospitals… we even find them in our state government.”

Rep. Kaufmann quoted from Olson’s nomination form, “During his career, Representative Olson has consistently worked for the best interests of those he represents. Whether it dealt with the business world, agriculture or the education of our youth, he diligently sought out the best solution. He understood what those issues are because he is us.”

Senate President Pam Jochum presented the award to Boettger in the Senate. “As a former educator, Senator Boettger has devoted her time and efforts to help Iowa students value a good education. She has exemplified Herbert Hoover’s value of integrity to work together with Republicans and Democrats to do what is best for Iowa’s young people and the educational options available to them,” she said.

Rep. Olson serves the 97th District and is currently Speaker Pro Tempore and is serving on the Administration and Rules Committee, Agriculture Committee, Legislative Council, Public Safety Committee and the Transportation Committee. Senator Boettger is from the 9th District in western Iowa and has served in the Iowa
Senate since 1995. She currently serves on the Education, Ethics, Human Resources and Judiciary committees and is the ranking member of the Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee.

Both legislators will be honored at the Association’s annual Member’s Dinner, Oct. 23, in Iowa City.

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interpretation and preservation of historical resources relating to the life, ideas, values and times of Herbert Hoover, 31st President of the United States.