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Forbes, Rozenboom, Named Hoover Award Winners

WEST BRANCH, IOWA – March 26, 2019 – State Representative John Forbes and State Senator Ken Rozenboom were recognized on March 26 at the Iowa State Capitol in Des Moines by the Hoover Presidential Foundation for ‘Uncommon Public Service’ to the people of Iowa. The Foundation 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.

Representative Bobby Kaufmann announced the award 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 some of Rep. Forbes nominations, “Even though he is so giving of his time and resources, John does not do it for personal recognition or glory. John is involved for all the right reasons... he simply wants to help others.”

In accepting the award, Rep. Forbes said of his colleagues, “I thank you for your confidence in me – it’s an honor every day to walk in here and be with such a great group of people. I thank you all.”

Representative Forbes received several nominations. They consistently describe him as a role model in his profession and in his community. He serves District 40 in Urbandale. He has served as the president of the Iowa Pharmacy Association, and claimed many accolades for doing such. Forbes was named one of the Top 100 Most Influential Pharmacists by a leading pharmacy magazine. He is a member and past president of the Urbandale Chamber of Commerce, as well as a former city councilman there.

His true passion is supporting veterans, and he has been instrumental in organizing countless Honor Flights to Washington, D.C.

In the Iowa House, Forbes serves on the Administration and Rules Committee, Commerce, Human Resources, Transportation and Ways and Means committees.

State Senator (and Hoover Presidential Foundation member) Tim Kapucian provided historical facts about Herbert Hoover as he began the presentation in the Senate. “President Hoover was an uncommon and extraordinary public servant,” Sen. Kapucian, a 2016 recipient of the award said. “His diligent, humanitarian efforts saved the lives of millions of people worldwide suffering the devastations of war, flood and famine.”

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Sen. Kapucian then introduced Sen. Pam Jochum, also a past Uncommon Public Service award winner.

“It will be my honor- with Mr. Hoover here in spirit today, to announce Senator Ken Rozenboom as the 2019 recipient of this award,” Sen. Jochum said. “It’s clear that he is respected by his colleagues and constituents alike,” she said of Sen. Rozenboom.

“I do thank you,” Sen. Rozenboom said. “It is an extreme honor to serve the constituents of Senate District 40, and my distinct honor to serve with every one of you in this room. I don’t care what your party is, what your committee is – it’s an honor for me and I thank you for the opportunity to work with you.”

Elected to the Iowa Senate in 2013, Sen. Rozenboom is from District 40 in Mahaska County where he previously served as the Mahaska County Supervisor. His nomination was submitted with a dozen names on it from both parties, and included comments that is was ‘clear that he is respected by his colleagues and constituents alike.’

They also wrote, “When speaking to Senator Rozenboom, one can expect a fair hearing, honest and thoughtful discussion, and a dedication to finding the right solution.”

Rozenboom is the Chairman of the Natural Resources and Environment committee, and is a member of the Agriculture, Appropriations and Education committees. He is well known for his work on clean water standards and for crafting historic water quality legislation on a bipartisan level – all without raising taxes or placing regulatory hurdles on Iowans.

Both legislators will be honored at the Foundation’s annual Celebration Banquet in the fall.

About the Foundation

The Hoover Presidential Foundation promotes and supports the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library-Museum, National Historic Site, and other programs that enhance the understanding of Herbert Hoover as president and humanitarian.

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(L to R) Hoover Presidential Foundation president and CEO Jerry Fleagle, board chairman Dave Dierks and trustee Bruce Barnhart congratulate Rep. John Forbes (second from right), as the 2019 Hoover Uncommon Public Service Award recipient in the Iowa House.



Rozenboom.jpg (Hi-res attached)

(L to R) Iowa State Senators Rob Hogg, Amanda Ragan, Pam Jochum, Annette Sweeney, Zach Nunn and Tim Kapucian, all past Hoover Presidential Foundation Uncommon Public Service Award winners, congratulate Sen. Ken Rozenboom (center) in the Senate chamber.

