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Herbert Hoover Uncommon Public Service Award Winners Named

DES MOINES, IOWA – Thursday, March 30, 2017 – State Representative Zach Nunn and State Senator Rob Hogg were recognized today 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 presented the award to Rep. Nunn 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 Rep. Nunn’s nomination form, “Rep. Nunn imbues the excellence in service. . . and leadership that President Herbert Hoover challenged every American to strive to achieve. Representing Iowa House District 30, Rep. Nunn is a shining example of self-sacrifice, work ethic, and humility each day he sets foot in the House chamber. He works closely with community organizations... he reads books to preschoolers at local schools. He speaks and volunteers with local organizations that work to give provisions to the area’s hungry and homeless. He is an authentic, unwavering servant to the public.”

“To be able to serve one’s country is a great honor, but to be able to serve one’s closest community is the highest privilege we can ask for,” said Rep. Nunn. “I am very humbled by this award.”

Senate President Jack Whitver presented the award to Senator Hogg in the State Senate. “It’s greatly satisfying to me that the Hoover Presidential Foundation, for the 11th consecutive year, has recognized legislators from the Iowa House and the Senate who have demonstrated uncommon and extraordinary public service to the people of Iowa,” said Whitver.

Active in the Cedar Rapids community and throughout Iowa, Rob has worked diligently to engage citizens in advocacy for climate solutions -- as staff for Ecumenical Ministries of Iowa, as member of the Board for Iowa Power & Light, as

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coordinator of Iowa Climate Advocates, as a leader of the Cedar Wapsie Sierra Club, I-RENEW and Citizens Climate Lobby, as one of the most active speakers in the Climate Reality Leadership Corps, and as the author of a succinct and accessible book, *America's Climate Century: What Climate Change Means for America in the 21st Century and What Americans Can Do About It*.

"I am honored," said Senator Hogg. "I just want to thank everybody for this unexpected and surprising award."

Representative Nunn serves House District 30 and serves on the Admin and Rules, International Relations, Economic Growth, Judiciary, Legislative Council and Ways & Means committees.

Sen. Hogg is from the 19th District and is the Senate Democratic Leader and ranking member on the Rules and Administration Committee.

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

About the Foundation

The Hoover Presidential Foundation is a private nonprofit organization for the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library-Museum and Hoover National Historic Site in West Branch, Iowa. The Foundation fosters the collection, interpretation and preservation of historical resources relating to the life, ideas, values and times of Herbert Hoover, 31st President of the United States.

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Photos:

Nunn: (L to R) Jerry Fleagle, Hoover Presidential Foundation executive director; Robert Downer, president, board of trustees; Rep. Nunn; Bruce Barnhart, trustee; Bill Bywater, trustee; Rep. Bobby Kaufmann

Hogg: (L to R) Bruce Barnhart, trustee; Jerry Fleagle, Hoover Presidential Foundation executive director; Sen. Hogg; Robert Downer, president, board of trustees; Bill Bywater, trustee
