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On April 5, 2017, Legislative Consultants Steve Ovel and Dave Palmer were joined by fellow lawmakers and Legislators in the Iowa House to hear House Concurrent Resolution 6 presented by the Pioneer Lawmakers Association of Iowa to honor those who have committed twenty or more years to the cause of politics in our state.

Dave Palmer has dedicated his life to the passions of politics and education. He began his Community College career in 1968 and served at Iowa Lakes, Southwestern and Des Moines Area Community College before committing himself full time to advocacy in 1992. Dave, along with Steve Ovel, was the force behind Iowa's fifteen Community Colleges' statewide lobbying effort, began the organization of their grassroots campaign and helped to solidify their centralized lobby team at the Capitol to ensure consistent engagement with legislators.

Steve Ovel began work as a city planner and worked in manufacturing management before beginning his work in politics in 1982 serving as Congressman Tom Taukes campaign manager. Steve began work for Kirkwood Community Colleges in 1983 where he remained for the rest of his career. In 1992, he combined his passion for politics with his dedication to education as a lobbyist before the Iowa Legislature and Executive Branch on behalf of Iowa's Community Colleges. In his 25 years of service Steve has specialized in job training, workforce, economic development, corrections education and career and technical education and along with Dave Palmer was at the forefront of the Community College's statewide lobbying effort.

We are honored to work with these great and dedicated political minds. Congratulations on this wonderful achievement.