

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 116
2 BY GREIMANN and FREEMAN
3 A Resolution promoting a family and consumer sciences
4 high school graduation requirement including
5 parenting and life management skills.
6 WHEREAS, child abuse and child neglect are serious
7 problems directly impacting society; and
8 WHEREAS, research shows that most parents who abuse
9 or neglect their children were themselves abused or
10 neglected as children, and this cycle of child abuse
11 and neglect can be broken only through teaching new,
12 more positive parenting skills to individuals before
13 they become parents; and
14 WHEREAS, parents are the first and primary teachers
15 of their children, and when the parents' family
16 experiences include abusive, neglectful behaviors, the
17 opportunity to learn parenting skills must be expanded
18 beyond these family experiences to the schools, where
19 a knowledge base of effective parenting and life
20 management skills can be taught; and
21 WHEREAS, serious commitment and meaningful efforts
22 are necessary to prevent the occurrence of child abuse
23 and neglect in Iowa through the encouragement of
24 parenting classes for all senior high school students;
25 and
26 WHEREAS, effective family and consumer sciences
27 education programs already exist statewide in Iowa
28 schools but are not required for all students; and
29 WHEREAS, family and consumer sciences programs
30 include instruction regarding parenting, parenting

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1 roles and responsibilities, the costs of raising a
2 child, creating nurturing and protective environments
3 for children, child development, child care skills,
4 interpersonal skills, problem-solving and decision-
5 making skills, coping with the stress of raising
6 children, positive discipline and conflict resolution
7 strategies, and other life management skills that
8 contribute to a higher quality of life; NOW THEREFORE,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
10 That the House of Representatives urges all local
11 boards of education to support and encourage the
12 development, inclusion, and expansion of parenting and
13 life management skills curricula in the family and
14 consumer sciences programs of all high schools
15 throughout Iowa; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of
17 Representatives acknowledges and commends the
18 progressive local boards of education in Iowa that
19 currently have a family and consumer sciences
20 graduation requirement in parenting and life
21 management skills; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of
23 Representatives urges all local boards of education
24 without a family and consumer sciences requirement to
25 give priority to the addition of a specific family and
26 consumer sciences high school graduation requirement
27 in parenting and life management skills for all
28 students in their districts; and

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
30 Resolution be sent to the Department of Education for

1 distribution to the superintendents of Iowa's school
2 districts.

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