

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 178

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1 A Resolution requesting the general assembly to pass
2 legislation requiring background checks for carnival
3 employees.

4 WHEREAS, on July 8, 2001, Angela Hyke and her
5 daughter Ashley Lucas disappeared from their home in
6 Cresco, Iowa; and

7 WHEREAS, an investigation by law enforcement
8 officials led to the conclusion that the individual
9 responsible for the disappearance of Angela and Ashley
10 was Clay Thomas, an individual employed as a traveling
11 carnival worker who met Angela Hyke while working at
12 the Howard County Fair in June of 2001; and

13 WHEREAS, a law enforcement background check of Clay
14 Thomas indicated he had an extensive criminal history
15 background including but not limited to convictions
16 for theft, drug possession, and escape from custody,
17 as well as parole violations; and

18 WHEREAS, Clay Thomas was subsequently arrested and
19 convicted for the double murder of Angela and Ashley;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Iowa does not currently have a law
22 requiring that carnival employees undergo background
23 checks; NOW THEREFORE,

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate
25 requests that the General Assembly consider and pass
26 legislation as soon as practicable requiring that all
27 persons employed as carnival workers in this state
28 pass a criminal history background check as a
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1 condition of employment at a local county fair or
2 other place or activity where carnival workers are
3 employed, and that such legislation be referred to as
4 the Angela and Ashley Act.

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