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1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 6

2 BY WARNSTADT

3 A Resolution urging the United States Congress to
4 immediately enact legislation assisting states and
5 local governments in improving their first responder
6 networks.

7 WHEREAS, President George W. Bush and congressional
8 leaders are now contemplating that a war with Iraq
9 could begin within weeks and not months; and

10 WHEREAS, a significant threat exists that
11 terrorists may initiate attacks on the United States
12 once the war begins; and

13 WHEREAS, three months ago, President Bush
14 recommended that Congress appropriate \$3.5 billion for
15 states and local governments to train and equip local
16 first responders; and

17 WHEREAS, local fire fighters, emergency medical
18 technicians, and other first responders will be the
19 first to deal with the consequences of terrorist
20 attacks on the United States; and

21 WHEREAS, Ellen Gordon, the Director of Iowa's
22 Emergency Management Division of the Department of
23 Public Defense and the head of Iowa's homeland
24 security efforts, has completed the necessary
25 strategic planning to immediately put the proposed
26 federal dollars to use at the state and local level in
27 Iowa; NOW THEREFORE,

28 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Iowa Senate
29 urges Congress to immediately act to strengthen Iowa's
30 homeland security by passing President Bush's request

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1 for \$3.5 billion to assist states and local
2 governments in improving their first responder
3 networks.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the
5 Senate send copies of this resolution to the President
6 of the United States; the President of the United
7 States Senate; the Speaker of the United States House
8 of Representatives; and to members of Iowa's
9 Congressional delegation.

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