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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 114 1 2 BEALL, BOETTGER, BLACK, FRAISE, JOHNSON, BY 3 and TINSMAN A Resolution recognizing the 20th anniversary of 4 5 Iowa Sister States. WHEREAS, Iowa Sister States was established in 1985 6 7 to manage the official relationships established by 8 the Governor of Iowa with foreign states; and WHEREAS, Iowa Sister States currently supports 9 10 eight official relationships with Yamanashi 11 Prefecture, Japan (1960); Yucatan, Mexico (1965); 12 Hebei Province, China (1983); Terengganu, Malaysia 13 (1987); Stavropol Krai, Russia (1988); Taiwan (1989); 14 Cherkasy Oblast, Ukraine (1996); and Veneto Region, 15 Italy (1997); and WHEREAS, Iowa Sister States is a volunteer 16 17 organization dedicated to connecting Iowans with the 18 global community through international programs that 19 promote the interests of Iowa's citizens and support 20 the state in attaining its international goals; and WHEREAS, Iowa Sister States' projects have involved 21 22 the citizen-to-citizen diplomacy efforts of artists, 23 medical professionals, environmental professionals, 24 athletes, educators, chefs, emergency response 25 professionals, state officials, and others; NOW 26 THEREFORE,

27 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate 28 recognizes the great accomplishments of Iowa Sister 29 States in bringing the world to Iowa and taking Iowa 30 to the world by providing opportunities for exposure

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1	to people, ideas, and experiences that are of an
2	international flair; and
3	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate
4	congratulates Iowa Sister States on its 20 years of
	existence and looks forward to future opportunities to
	connect Iowa to the world.
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