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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A Joint Resolution supporting the use of marijuana for medical  
2 purposes in the state of Iowa.  
3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 WHEREAS, significant scientific and medical studies have  
2 demonstrated that marijuana is safe for use under medical  
3 supervision and that the cannabis plant, in its natural form,  
4 has important therapeutic benefits that are often of critical  
5 medical importance to persons afflicted with a variety of  
6 life-threatening and sense-threatening illnesses; and

7 WHEREAS, courts have recognized marijuana's medical value  
8 in treatment and have ruled that marijuana can be a drug of  
9 "necessity" in the treatment of glaucoma, cancer, AIDS, and  
10 multiple sclerosis; and

11 WHEREAS, the people of the state of Iowa believe that well-  
12 trained medical professionals rather than remote federal  
13 bureaucrats should be responsible for determining a patient's  
14 medical care routine; and

15 WHEREAS, seriously ill Iowans and other Americans are  
16 unnecessarily suffering because of federal policies which  
17 legally prohibit marijuana's legitimate medical use; and

18 WHEREAS, Iowa Code section 124.206, subsection 7, paragraph  
19 "a", enacted in 1979, allows the use of marijuana for medical  
20 purposes in the state of Iowa, expressing the intent of the  
21 Iowa General Assembly that marijuana should be available for  
22 legitimate medical purposes; and

23 WHEREAS, these problems are not particular to the state of  
24 Iowa, but generally affect the citizens of all states  
25 adversely; NOW THEREFORE,

26 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

27 That the Iowa General Assembly memorializes the President  
28 and the United States Congress to end federal prohibitions  
29 against marijuana's legitimate medical use by creating a  
30 rational system of prescriptive medical access to marijuana;  
31 and

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
33 transmitted to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the  
34 United States; the Honorable Albert Gore, Vice President of  
35 the United States and President of the United States Senate;

1 the Honorable Thomas Foley, Speaker of the United States House  
2 of Representatives; the Honorable George Mitchell, Majority  
3 Leader of the United States Senate; Donna Shalala, Secretary  
4 of the United States Department of Health and Human Services;  
5 Janet Reno, United States Attorney General; and the members of  
6 the Iowa congressional delegation.

7 EXPLANATION

8 This Resolution recites the Iowa General Assembly's support  
9 for the removal of federal prohibitions relating to the  
10 legalization of marijuana for certain medical purposes in the  
11 state of Iowa.

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