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1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 108
2 BY COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION
3 A Resolution commemorating the visit of the delegation
4 of parliamentarians from the Stavropol Krai and
5 recognizing the contributions of the parliamentarians
6 to strengthened relations between the Iowa State
7 Senate and the Stavropol Regional State Duma.
8 WHEREAS, the Iowa State Senate has established an
9 exchange of legislative members between the Stavropol
10 Regional State Duma based in Stavropol, Russia, and
11 the Iowa State Senate based in Des Moines, Iowa,
12 United States of America, a relationship first
13 initiated some four years ago; and
14 WHEREAS, under that exchange a formal visit of
15 legislative dignitaries from the Stavropol Regional
16 State Duma will take place in Des Moines, Iowa, during
17 the first week of April 1996; and
18 WHEREAS, the delegation of dignitaries includes Mr.
19 Yury A. Gontar, Deputy Chairman, Stavropol Regional
20 State Duma, Mrs. Tatyana D. Gabitova, Chairwoman,
21 Stavropol Regional State Duma Committee on Social
22 Support, Mr. Victor P. Khloponya, Chairman, Stavropol
23 Regional State Duma Committee on Legal and Human
24 Rights, and Dr. Victor A. Cherepanov, Chairman,
25 Stavropol Regional State Duma Committee on Auditing
26 and Accounting; and
27 WHEREAS, this visit demonstrates yet another
28 manifestation of the strong sister-state relationship
29 which exists between the State of Iowa and the
30 Stavropol Krai; and

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1 WHEREAS, that relationship was created for the
2 purpose of establishing greater friendship and
3 understanding between the people of the State of Iowa
4 and the people of the Stavropol Krai through the
5 medium of direct personal communication; and

6 WHEREAS, one of the purposes of the sister-state
7 relationship is to conduct mutually beneficial social,
8 economic, educational, and cultural programs in order
9 to bring the citizens of Iowa and Stavropol closer
10 together and to strengthen international understanding
11 and good will; and

12 WHEREAS, the visit of the delegation of
13 representatives from the Stavropol Regional State Duma
14 is the first of this year's exchange visits of
15 legislators to the other state's legislature, and is
16 intended to benefit both legislative bodies through
17 the exchange of ideas and practical suggestions
18 regarding legislative solutions and procedures; and

19 WHEREAS, the visit of the Stavropol
20 parliamentarians is particularly intended to provide
21 the members of the Duma with an opportunity to view
22 Iowa's working democracy and free market economy, in
23 order to allow them to learn from the Iowa General
24 Assembly's traditions of lawmaking in a democratic
25 society and market economy, including the General
26 Assembly's continuing attention to legal and economic
27 reforms; and

28 WHEREAS, this visit will enable the Stavropol
29 parliamentarians to consider whether any of Iowa's
30 democratic and economic principles and reforms can be

1 applied to the betterment of the Stavropol Krai; and
2 WHEREAS, such learning is intended not only to
3 benefit the workings of the Stavropol Regional State
4 Duma but also to benefit economic development and
5 business relationships between the people of the State
6 of Iowa and the people of the Stavropol Krai; NOW
7 THEREFORE,

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Iowa State
9 Senate hereby commemorates the visit of the delegation
10 of parliamentarians from the Stavropol Krai,
11 encourages the work of the parliamentarians in their
12 efforts to strengthen the Stavropol Regional State
13 Duma as a democratic institution of self-government,
14 and recognizes the contributions of the
15 parliamentarians in the development of a closer
16 relationship between the Iowa State Senate and the
17 Stavropol Regional State Duma.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the
19 Senate provide each member of the delegation from the
20 Stavropol Regional State Duma with an official copy of
21 this Resolution.

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