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1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 120
2 BY KIBBIE, HUSAK, PRIEBE, GIANNETTO,
3 BOSWELL, JENSEN, IVERSON, AND DRAKE
4 A Senate Resolution urging the Commission of Veterans
5 Affairs to provide for the establishment of a state
6 veterans' cemetery in central Iowa.
7 WHEREAS, Iowa has only one national veterans'
8 cemetery; and
9 WHEREAS, the only national veterans' cemetery is
10 located in Keokuk, Iowa, and is scheduled to be
11 without additional burial space by 2002; and
12 WHEREAS, federal legislation which supports the
13 creation of veterans' cemeteries recommends that
14 veterans' cemeteries should be located conveniently to
15 veterans and their families; and
16 WHEREAS, of the approximate 300,000 veterans
17 residing in Iowa, 192,000 veterans reside in central
18 Iowa; and
19 WHEREAS, fifty percent of the funding required to
20 establish a veterans' cemetery can be obtained from
21 federal grants; and
22 WHEREAS, one of the priorities of the Commission of
23 Veterans Affairs, when created, was the establishment
24 of a state veterans' cemetery; and
25 WHEREAS, all of the veterans' organizations in this
26 state have expressed support for the concept of
27 establishing a state veterans' cemetery; and
28 WHEREAS, a potential location for a state veterans'
29 cemetery has been identified and is available; NOW
30 THEREFORE,

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1 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Iowa Senate urges the
2 Commission of Veterans Affairs to take the necessary
3 steps toward planning and establishing a state
4 veterans' cemetery at a centralized location in this
5 state including the submission of an application for a
6 federal grant for that purpose.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Iowa Senate
8 consider financial support for a state veterans'
9 cemetery upon receipt of appropriate plans for
10 establishment and maintenance of the proposed cemetery
11 and a request for an appropriation submitted to the
12 Senate Committee on Appropriations in an amount not to
13 exceed \$500,000.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the secretary of the
15 Senate send a copy of this resolution to the executive
16 director of the Commission of Veterans Affairs.

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