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By McGILL and SHIRLEY
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Vote: Ayes 56 Nays 1 Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____

Approved _____

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

A Joint Resolution designating the Iowa geode as the official state rock for the state of Iowa.

WHEREAS, it is common practice for states to adopt specific flowers, birds, and trees as the official state flowers, state birds, and state trees, and

WHEREAS, it is also the practice among a number of states to adopt certain rocks as the official state rock of the state, and

WHEREAS, the state of Iowa does not at the present time have a rock as the official rock of the state, and

WHEREAS, Iowa has natural deposits of one of the rarest and most beautiful rocks in the example of the Iowa geode, and

WHEREAS, the Iowa geode is a much sought after brightly colored rock of a crystal formation and one of the finest geodes located in the nation, and

WHEREAS, Iowa is one of the few places where the geode formations are plentiful and found in some abundance, and

WHEREAS, a survey conducted through the use of questionnaires mailed to rock collectors in the state has indicated that the Iowa geode is the first choice for the official state rock of Iowa; NOW THEREFORE

Be It Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. The Iowa geode is hereby designated and shall hereafter be officially known as the state rock of Iowa.

Sec. 2. The curator of the department of history and archives is hereby directed to obtain samples of the Iowa geode adequate to represent a fair sampling of the rock as found in this state and display the samplings in an appropriate place in the state historical library.

Sec. 3. The editor of the Iowa Official Register is hereby directed to include an appropriate picture with an appropriate commentary of the Iowa geode in the Iowa Official Register along with pictures of the state flower, state bird, and state tree.

Amend Senate Joint Resolution 20 as follows:

1. By striking from line two (2) of the title the word "rock" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "gem".

2. By striking from line two (2) of the second WHEREAS the words "rocks as the official state rock" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "gems as the official state gem".

3. By striking from line two (2) of the third WHEREAS the words "rock as the official rock" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "gem as the official gem".

4. By striking from line two (2) of the fourth WHEREAS the word "rocks" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "gems".

5. By striking from line two (2) of the fifth WHEREAS the word "rock" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "gem".

6. By amending the seventh WHEREAS as follows:

1. By striking from line two (2) the word "rock".

2. By striking from line three (3) the word "rock" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "gem".

7. By striking from line two (2) of section one (1) the word "rock" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "gem".

8. By striking from line three (3) of section two (2) the word "rock" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "gem".

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