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1 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. **106**
2 BY SALTON
3 A Concurrent Resolution urging the United States Congress
4 to enact legislation and appropriate funding to ensure
5 that drainage district assessments are not adversely
6 affected by federal acquisitions of lands in drainage
7 districts.

8 WHEREAS, in some areas of the state of Iowa,
9 substantial federal acquisitions of lands in drainage
10 districts for waterfowl and wildlife habitat are
11 focusing the cost of maintaining drainage district
12 infrastructure on the remaining property owners in
13 drainage districts; and

14 WHEREAS, the state of Iowa by statute must pay
15 drainage district assessments against lands which the
16 state of Iowa owns or holds title to; and

17 WHEREAS, property owners in the state of Iowa
18 within drainage districts must pay drainage district
19 assessments or risk losing their lands; and

20 WHEREAS, it is not equitable that the federal
21 government can acquire lands within drainage districts
22 from property owners who were financially responsible
23 for drainage district assessments without assuming
24 this financial responsibility, thus forcing the
25 remaining property owners within the drainage district
26 to pay the federal government's share of the drainage
27 district assessment; NOW THEREFORE,

28 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE
29 SENATE CONCURRING, That the United States Congress
30 enact legislation and appropriate funding to ensure

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1 that when the federal government acquires lands within
2 drainage districts, the federal government shall pay
3 its share of drainage district assessments; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the
5 House of Representatives send a copy of this
6 resolution to the Speaker of the United States House
7 of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the
8 United States Senate, and to the members of Iowa's
9 congressional delegation.

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