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S- 2/19/96 *Wagner R.*
S- 3/19/96 *No Pass*
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JAN 29 1996

1 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. **109**
2 BY FALLON, BAKER, SIEGRIST, and GRUNDBERG
3 A Concurrent Resolution designating June 15, 1996, as
4 the day to celebrate the ending of slavery and to
5 recognize the worth and value of all people.
6 WHEREAS, the Emancipation Proclamation of January
7 1, 1863, marked the beginning of the end of slavery in
8 the United States; and
9 WHEREAS, the process of liberation continued in
10 many strongholds of slavery until the end of the Civil
11 War; and
12 WHEREAS, on June 19, 1865, General Granger led
13 Union troops into Galveston, Texas, to end one of the
14 last vestiges of slavery; and
15 WHEREAS, June 19 has come to symbolize the
16 emancipation of the slaves in this country and is
17 known as "Juneteenth"; and
18 WHEREAS, Juneteenth presents an opportunity to
19 further the cause of social, economic, and political
20 equality for African-Americans; and
21 WHEREAS, Juneteenth has become an annual holiday
22 where African-Americans, and all Americans, can,
23 through an understanding of the hardships and cruelty
24 imposed by enslaving people, celebrate the ending of
25 slavery in this country and look with hope to the
26 future of an American society that recognizes the
27 worth and value of all people; NOW THEREFORE,
28 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE
29 SENATE CONCURRING, That the Iowa General Assembly
30 recognize June 15, 1996, as the day to celebrate

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1 Juneteenth in Iowa.

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all Iowans be urged to
3 participate in the activities planned during the
4 Juneteenth celebration.

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