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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 118

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1 A Concurrent Resolution recognizing the League of Women
2 Voters of Iowa and Cornell College for their efforts
3 in creating an Internet-accessible system for
4 obtaining legislative information.

5 WHEREAS, an enlightened citizenry is an
6 indispensable ingredient of the infrastructure of
7 democracy; and

8 WHEREAS, the Internet, a federated system, composed
9 of allied computer networks, that connects
10 governmental, educational, scientific, and commercial
11 institutions, is rapidly expanding to serve as a
12 critical channel of communication which allows persons
13 immediate access to information, issues, and decisions
14 that have a profound impact upon the course of public
15 policy and the lives of Iowa's citizens; and

16 WHEREAS, the League of Women Voters of Iowa,
17 established in 1920, and Cornell College, founded in
18 1853, have been devoted to the public causes of
19 supporting learning, promoting democratic values, and
20 encouraging open access to information and the
21 expression of opinions essential for self-government;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, since 1994, the League of Women Voters of
24 Iowa and Cornell College have been jointly dedicated
25 to establishing an Internet-accessible system to allow
26 citizens of this state to access legislative
27 information, including statutes and legislative
28 proposals; and

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1 WHEREAS, in 1996, the League of Women Voters of
2 Iowa and Cornell College presented this system for use
3 and operation by the General Assembly in order to
4 ensure free and open access of legislative information
5 to Iowa's citizenry; NOW THEREFORE,

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE
7 SENATE CONCURRING, That the General Assembly
8 recognizes the contribution that the League of Women
9 Voters of Iowa and Cornell College have made to this
10 state, including affording citizens of the state a
11 greater opportunity to access law and legislation and
12 to participate in our democratic system of government;
13 and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
15 resolution be sent by the Chief Clerk of the House of
16 Representatives to the President of the League of
17 Women Voters of Iowa, and to the President of Cornell
18 College.

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