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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.
BY SCHRADER

A Concurrent Resolution to designate March 29, 1996,
Iowa State Flag Day.

WHEREAS, the Iowa state banner was designed by
Dixie Cornell Gebhardt, a Knoxville native and member
of the Iowa society of the Daughters of the American
Revolution; and

WHEREAS, the banner was originally designed as a
regimental flag for Iowa guardsmen serving along the
Mexican border in 1917; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa General Assembly adopted Dixie
Cornell Gebhardt's design as the official state banner
on March 29, 1921; and

WHEREAS, Dixie Cornell Gebhardt wrote that "Iowa's
banner should embrace the history of its domain from
the time of its occupation by the Indians to discovery
by the French and purchase from Napoleon by Jefferson,
to its admission into the Union, down to the present
time . . . in a design so simple that school children
and adults can recognize its symbolism and know that
it meant Iowa"; and

WHEREAS, the state banner is patterned after the
blue, white and red flag of France, a country which
ruled Iowa twice before Iowa became a state; and

WHEREAS, the blue in the banner symbolizes loyalty,
the white purity, and the red courage; and

WHEREAS, Iowa's assimilation into the United States
is represented in the banner by a blue streamer, on
which is inscribed the state motto, "Our liberties we

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1 prize and our rights we will maintain", carried by a
2 soaring eagle, the symbol of America; and

3 WHEREAS, the state banner is a source of pride for
4 all Iowans; and

5 WHEREAS, March 29, 1996, is the seventy-fifth
6 anniversary of Iowa's official state banner; NOW

7 THEREFORE,

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE
9 SENATE CONCURRING, That the General Assembly designate
10 March 29, 1996, Iowa State Flag Day.

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