

1 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22
2 BY SHOULTZ, OLLIE, COHOON, NELSON of
3 Pottawattamie, McCOY, CONNORS, BAKER, BELL,
4 BURNETT, HARPER, WISE, MYERS, MUNDIE, MAY,
5 LARKIN, WEIGEL, CATALDO, MURPHY, KOENIGS,
6 WARNSTADT, DREES, HOLVECK, BRAMMER, DODERER,
7 KREIMAN, SCHRADER, BERNAU, MORELAND, MERTZ,
8 MASCHER, RUNNING, FALLON, JOCHUM, O'BRIEN
9 and BRAND

10 A Concurrent Resolution urging the passage by the
11 United States Congress of an increase in the
12 federal minimum wage.

13 WHEREAS, the federal minimum wage of \$4.25 per hour
14 has not increased since 1991; and

15 WHEREAS, the purchasing power of a worker earning
16 the federal minimum wage is significantly lower than
17 it was in 1979, and approximately 45 cents per hour
18 lower than when the federal minimum wage was last
19 increased in April 1991; and

20 WHEREAS, of the workers earning only the federal
21 minimum wage, almost all are the source of over one-
22 half of their families' earnings, nearly two-thirds of
23 the workers are adults, and over one-third of the
24 workers are the sole source of income for their
25 families; and

26 WHEREAS, President Clinton has proposed increasing
27 the federal minimum wage to \$5.15 an hour over a two-
28 year period; and

29 WHEREAS, Iowa's experience in having a minimum wage
30 40 cents per hour higher than the federal minimum wage

1 has not resulted in a significant increase in
2 unemployment in Iowa and Iowa's unemployment rate is
3 less than the federal unemployment rate; and

4 WHEREAS, an increase in the minimum wage provides a
5 crucial measure to reward work and ensure that there
6 is a strong incentive to choose work over welfare; and

7 WHEREAS, an increase in the federal minimum wage
8 would be a significant boost to the standard of living
9 of millions of families; NOW THEREFORE,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE
11 SENATE CONCURRING, That the General Assembly of the
12 State of Iowa urges the members of Iowa's delegation
13 to the United States Congress to support President
14 Clinton's proposal to increase the federal minimum
15 wage to \$5.15 per hour over a two-year period; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the
17 House of Representatives shall send copies of this
18 resolution to the Governor of the State of Iowa, the
19 President of the United States, the President of the
20 United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States
21 House of Representatives, and each member of Iowa's
22 congressional delegation.

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