

STATE GOVERNMENT

1 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4
 2 BY GARMAN, DAGGETT, TYRRELL, VANDE HOEF, HEATON,
 3 SALTON, BOGGESS, NELSON of Marshall, NUTT, SCHULTE,
 4 DISNEY, TEIG, HOUSER, ARNOLD, HALVORSON, CHURCHILL,
 5 BRADLEY, KLEMME, WEIDMAN, EDDIE, BLODGETT, DRAKE,
 6 BRAUNS, GREINER, GRIES, GREIG, WELTER, KREMER, MAIN,
 7 LARSON, CORMACK, HAMMITT, HANSON, LORD, CARROLL,
 8 SUKUP, CORNELIUS, BODDICKER, BRANSTAD, HAHN,
 9 VAN MAANEN, GIPP, COON, HUSEMAN, and RENKEN
 10 (COMPANION TO LSB 1342SS BY KIBBIE)

*Sponsor added
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11 A Concurrent Resolution to request that Congress
 12 propose a Constitutional amendment, for ratifi-
 13 cation by the states, which would specify that
 14 the Congress and the states have the power to
 15 prohibit the physical desecration of the American
 16 flag.

17 WHEREAS, although the right of free expression is
 18 part of the foundation of the United States
 19 Constitution, very carefully drawn limits on
 20 expression in specific instances have long been
 21 recognized as legitimate means of maintaining public
 22 safety and defining other societal standards; and

23 WHEREAS, certain actions, although arguably related
 24 to one person's free expression, nevertheless raise
 25 issues concerning public decency, public peace, and
 26 the rights of other citizens; and

27 WHEREAS, there are symbols of our national soul,
 28 such as the Washington Monument, the United States
 29 Capitol Building, and memorials to our greatest
 30 leaders, which are the property of every American and

1 are worthy of protection from desecration and
2 dishonor; and

3 WHEREAS, the American flag is a most honorable and
4 worthy banner that is a symbol of a nation which is
5 thankful for its strengths and is committed to curing
6 its faults, a nation that remains the destination of
7 millions of immigrants attracted by the universal
8 power of the American ideal; and

9 WHEREAS, the Constitution, as interpreted by the
10 United States Supreme Court, no longer accords the
11 Stars and Stripes the reverence, respect, and dignity
12 befitting the banner of this most noble experiment of
13 a nation-state; and

14 WHEREAS, it is only fitting that people everywhere
15 should lend their voices to a forceful call for
16 restoration of the Stars and Stripes to a proper
17 station under law and decency; NOW THEREFORE,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE
19 SENATE CONCURRING, That the General Assembly of the
20 State of Iowa respectfully requests that the Congress
21 of the United States propose an amendment to the
22 United States Constitution, to be ratified by the
23 states, that specifies that Congress and the states
24 have the power to prohibit the physical desecration of
25 the flag of the United States; and

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
27 Resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the United
28 States House of Representatives, the President of the
29 United States Senate, and all of the members of Iowa's
30 congressional delegation.