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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 41

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A Concurrent Resolution commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the United Nations.

WHEREAS, on October 24, 1945, fifty-one nations, including China, France, the former Soviet Union, the United Kingdom, and the United States, joined together and ratified a charter to form the organization known as the United Nations; and

WHEREAS, as stated in the United Nations charter, the establishment of the new world organization grew out of the desire of those nations to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war by maintaining international peace and security; by developing friendly relations among nations; by promoting cooperation among nations to solve international economic, social, cultural, and humanitarian problems; by promoting respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms; and by serving as a center in which nations may meet to discuss mutual concerns and cooperate in solving common problems; and

WHEREAS, during the last fifty years the United Nations has played a central role in the eradication of such diseases as smallpox, has helped dozens of nations achieve independence, has monitored fair and free elections in many countries, and has helped to make human rights and environmental protection key issues on the international agenda; and

WHEREAS, through its five main bodies, the United Nations has provided a unique forum for the

1 coordination of international economic and social
2 work, for the discussion of mutual problems, and for
3 the settlement and arbitration of legal disputes
4 between countries that agree to accept the
5 jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, because the United Nations is made up of
8 independent sovereign states, and is only as strong as
9 the support that it receives from its members, the
10 unique and useful role played by the organization and
11 the successes that the United Nations has achieved
12 should be recognized; NOW THEREFORE,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE
14 SENATE CONCURRING, That the Iowa General Assembly
15 recognizes the services performed and successes
16 achieved by the United Nations during its fifty years
17 of existence and the valuable role it has played in
18 maintaining international peace and freedom.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all Iowans be urged to
20 recognize the valuable contributions made by the
21 United Nations and join with the other peoples of the
22 world in celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the
23 founding of the organization.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
25 resolution be sent to the office of the United Nations
26 which is located in Iowa City.

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