

Laid Over Under Rule 25

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. *III*

2 BY MYERS, CONNORS, BRANSTAD, KREMER,

3 RENKEN, and WARNSTADT *Sponsor added 4/30/96*
Branch 3 Benton

4 A House Resolution urging the Commission of Veterans

5 Affairs to provide for the establishment of a state

6 veterans' cemetery in central Iowa.

7 WHEREAS, Iowa has only one national veterans'

8 cemetery; and

9 WHEREAS, the only national veterans' cemetery is

10 located in Keokuk, Iowa, and is scheduled to be

11 without additional burial space by 2002; and

12 WHEREAS, federal legislation which supports the

13 creation of veterans' cemeteries recommends that

14 veterans' cemeteries should be located conveniently to

15 veterans and their families; and

16 WHEREAS, of the approximate 300,000 veterans

17 residing in Iowa, 192,000 veterans reside in central

18 Iowa; and

19 WHEREAS, fifty percent of the funding required to

20 establish a veterans' cemetery can be obtained from

21 federal grants; and

22 WHEREAS, one of the priorities of the Commission of

23 Veterans Affairs, when created, was the establishment

24 of a state veterans' cemetery; and

25 WHEREAS, all of the veterans' organizations in this

26 state have expressed support for the concept of

27 establishing a state veterans' cemetery; and

28 WHEREAS, a potential location for a state veterans'

29 cemetery has been identified and is available; NOW

30 THEREFORE,

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1 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Iowa House of
2 Representatives urges the Commission of Veterans
3 Affairs to take the necessary steps toward planning
4 and establishing a state veterans' cemetery at a
5 centralized location in this state including the
6 submission of an application for a federal grant for
7 that purpose.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Iowa House of
9 Representatives consider financial support for a state
10 veterans' cemetery upon receipt of appropriate plans
11 for establishment and maintenance of the proposed
12 cemetery and a request for an appropriation submitted
13 to the House Committee on Appropriations in an amount
14 not to exceed \$500,000.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the
16 Iowa House of Representatives send a copy of this
17 resolution to the Executive Director of the Commission
18 of Veterans Affairs.

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