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1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1
2 BY KIBBIE, HUSAK, BOSWELL, JUDGE, BISIGNANO,
3 FRAISE, PALMER, and PRIEBE
4 (COMPANION TO LSB 1342HH BY GARMAN)
5 A Concurrent Resolution to request that Congress
6 propose a Constitutional amendment, for ratifi-
7 cation by the states, which would specify that
8 the Congress and the states have the power to
9 prohibit the physical desecration of the American
10 flag.

11 WHEREAS, although the right of free expression is
12 part of the foundation of the United States
13 Constitution, very carefully drawn limits on
14 expression in specific instances have long been
15 recognized as legitimate means of maintaining public
16 safety and defining other societal standards; and

17 WHEREAS, certain actions, although arguably related
18 to one person's free expression, nevertheless raise
19 issues concerning public decency, public peace, and
20 the rights of other citizens; and

21 WHEREAS, there are symbols of our national soul,
22 such as the Washington Monument, the United States
23 Capitol Building, and memorials to our greatest
24 leaders, which are the property of every American and
25 are worthy of protection from desecration and
26 dishonor; and

27 WHEREAS, the American flag is a most honorable and
28 worthy banner that is a symbol of a nation which is
29 thankful for its strengths and is committed to curing
30 its faults, a nation that remains the destination of

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1 millions of immigrants attracted by the universal
2 power of the American ideal; and

3 WHEREAS, the Constitution, as interpreted by the
4 United States Supreme Court, no longer accords the
5 Stars and Stripes the reverence, respect, and dignity
6 befitting the banner of this most noble experiment of
7 a nation-state; and

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

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF
13 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the General Assembly
14 of the State of Iowa respectfully requests that the
15 Congress of the United States propose an amendment to
16 the United States Constitution, to be ratified by the
17 states, that specifies that Congress and the states
18 have the power to prohibit the physical desecration of
19 the flag of the United States; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
21 Resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the United
22 States House of Representatives, the President of the
23 United States Senate, and all of the members of Iowa's
24 congressional delegation.

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