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1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 104
2 BY McLAREN and BANKS
3 A Senate Concurrent Resolution requesting Iowa State
4 University to establish an Iowa Agriculture 2000
5 Conference in order to provide information to
6 independent agricultural producers regarding
7 production and marketing structures.
8 WHEREAS, agriculture is the foundation of this
9 nation's prosperity, providing a system unmatched in
10 the world for the production of abundant, divergent,
11 and affordable food, feed, grains, and animal
12 products, which supports the well-being of this
13 nation's citizens, and the prosperity of the United
14 States' economy; and
15 WHEREAS, the state of Iowa is a leading
16 agricultural state which relies upon a strong work
17 ethic and the knowledge and management acumen of
18 independent producers to operate their family farms
19 efficiently, productively, and profitably in the face
20 of dramatic changes in the industry; and
21 WHEREAS, Iowa's agricultural production and
22 marketing structures are undergoing a transformation
23 which increasingly requires independent producers to
24 reevaluate business practices and reformulate
25 strategies in order to compete and prosper in the next
26 century; NOW THEREFORE,
27 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF
28 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That Iowa State
29 University, in cooperation with the Attorney General's
30 office, and the Department of Agriculture and Land

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1 Stewardship, is requested to sponsor an Iowa
2 Agriculture 2000 Conference, with assistance provided
3 by Iowa commodity organizations, for independent
4 agricultural producers and other persons interested in
5 the future of Iowa agriculture; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the conference be
7 conducted over the course of several days early this
8 summer in Ames for purposes of providing expert
9 information, opinions, and options to Iowa producers,
10 and to allow experts and producers to share ideas and
11 experiences, and to work toward adopting practicable
12 strategies and solutions in to order to manage
13 changing production and marketing structures,
14 including working in the federal and state regulatory
15 environment; to adapt to changing marketing systems;
16 and to understand new marketing opportunities and
17 challenges, including producer networking, and
18 contracting; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the conference be
20 supported from reasonable registration fees that do
21 not discourage agricultural producers from attending
22 the conference, trade show exhibit fees from the
23 vendor community, and support provided by the General
24 Assembly; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
26 resolution be sent by the Secretary of the Senate to
27 President Martin C. Jischke, Ph.D., Iowa State
28 University, Attorney General Tom Miller, and Secretary
29 of Agriculture Dale M. Cochran.

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