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1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 109
2 BY SZYMONIAK
3 (COMPANION TO LSB 4257HH BY BLODGETT)

4 A Concurrent Resolution urging the United States
5 Congress to amend relevant law to facilitate the
6 development and approval of new drugs and biologics.

7 WHEREAS, improving patient access to quality health
8 care is a paramount national goal; and

9 WHEREAS, the key to improved health care in many
10 cases and especially for individuals with serious
11 unmet medical needs, is the rapid development and
12 approval of safe and effective drugs, biological
13 products, and medical devices; and

14 WHEREAS, minimizing the delay between discovery and
15 eventual approval of a new drug, biological product,
16 or medical device derived from research conducted by
17 innovative pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies
18 could improve the lives of millions of individuals;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, current limitations on the dissemination
21 of information about pharmaceutical products reduce
22 the availability of information to health care
23 professionals and patients, and may be viewed as
24 interfering with the right of free speech guaranteed
25 by the first amendment to the Constitution of the
26 United States; and

27 WHEREAS, the current regulations and practices
28 governing the review of new drugs, biological
29 products, and medical devices by the United States
30 Food and Drug Administration may delay approval and

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1 are unnecessarily expensive, NOW THEREFORE,

2 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF
3 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the Iowa General
4 Assembly respectfully urges the Congress of the United
5 States to address this important issue by enacting
6 comprehensive legislation to facilitate the rapid
7 review and approval of innovative drugs, biological
8 products, and medical devices, without compromising
9 patient safety or product effectiveness; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
11 resolution be transmitted to the President of the
12 United States, the Speaker of the United States House
13 of Representatives, the President of the United States
14 Senate, and to each member of the United States Senate
15 and House of Representatives.

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