

3/13/95 *Hammond Res.*
3/14/95 *Do-Over*
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1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. **24**
2 BY HAMMOND, DRAKE, GRONSTAL, CONNOLLY, SZYMONIAK,
3 and DVORSKY
4 (COMPANION TO LSB 2299HH BY DODERER)
5 A Concurrent Resolution recognizing the Seventy-fifth
6 Anniversary of the American Civil Liberties Union
7 and the Sixtieth Anniversary of the Iowa Civil
8 Liberties Union.

9 WHEREAS, the National Civil Liberties Bureau,
10 established in 1917 by Roger N. Baldwin and Crystal
11 Eastman to fight against government suppression of
12 dissenters' rights during World War I, became the
13 American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) in 1920; and

14 WHEREAS, the founding members, Arthur Garfield
15 Hays, Sophonisba Breckenridge, Norman Thomas, Albert
16 DeSilver, James Weldon Johnson, Jane Addams, Helen
17 Keller, and Felix Frankfurter, established the new
18 organization in a climate of lingering wartime
19 hysteria to defend free speech; to fight
20 discrimination against the foreign-born; to fight the
21 deportation of immigrants for their political beliefs;
22 to defend the right of trade unions to organize and
23 hold meetings; and to secure the release of hundreds
24 of activists imprisoned during the war; and

25 WHEREAS, today, the ACLU honors that legacy by
26 defending the First Amendment rights of even the most
27 unpopular minorities, the right to equal treatment
28 regardless of a person's classification, the right to
29 due process of law, the right to privacy, and other
30 enumerated rights guaranteed in the Bill of Rights;

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1 and

2 WHEREAS, the Iowa Civil Liberties Union (ICLU), one
3 of the oldest affiliates of the ACLU, comprised of
4 over 2,000 members from across Iowa, is an
5 organization founded in 1935 by Professor Edward S.
6 Allen, College of Mathematics, Ames; J.C. Lewis,
7 President of the Iowa State Federation of Labor, Des
8 Moines; Reverend Stoddard Lane, pastor of Plymouth
9 Congregational Church, Des Moines; John D. Denison,
10 attorney and referee in bankruptcy, Des Moines; Mrs.
11 Laetitia Conrad, Professor of Sociology at Grinnell
12 College, Grinnell; Joseph I. Brody, attorney, Des
13 Moines; and Reverend Aron S. Gilmartin, Des Moines;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, the ICLU is dedicated to protecting and
16 preserving the basic freedoms for all Iowans as
17 guaranteed by the United States Constitution and the
18 Bill of Rights; and

19 WHEREAS, the ICLU takes this mandate seriously and
20 has, for 60 years, opposed, through litigation,
21 legislation, and public education, encroachments on
22 the civil liberties of Iowans, regardless of how
23 unpopular their cause or their political affiliation;
24 NOW THEREFORE,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF
26 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the Iowa General
27 Assembly recognizes and congratulates the American
28 Civil Liberties Union for 75 continuous years, and the
29 Iowa Civil Liberties Union for 60 continuous years of
30 commitment to protecting the basic civil liberties of

1 all Americans, specifically those of Iowans, and
2 guaranteeing legal representation to groups that have
3 been denied those rights.

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