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STATE GOVERNMENT

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 105

BY SCHRADER

1 A Concurrent Resolution to designate March 29 of each year as
2 Iowa State Flag Day.

3 WHEREAS, the Iowa state banner was designed by
4 Dixie Cornell Gebhardt, a Knoxville native and member
5 of the Iowa society of the Daughters of the American
6 Revolution; and

7 WHEREAS, the banner was originally designed as a
8 regimental flag for Iowa guardsmen serving along the
9 Mexican border in 1917; and

10 WHEREAS, the Iowa General Assembly adopted Dixie
11 Cornell Gebhardt's design as the official state banner
12 on March 29, 1921; and

13 WHEREAS, Dixie Cornell Gebhardt wrote that "Iowa's
14 banner should embrace the history of its domain from
15 the time of its occupation by the Indians to discovery
16 by the French and purchase from Napoleon by Jefferson,
17 to its admission into the Union, down to the present
18 time . . . in a design so simple that school children
19 and adults can recognize its symbolism and know that
20 it meant Iowa"; and

21 WHEREAS, the state banner is patterned after the
22 blue, white and red flag of France, a country which
23 ruled Iowa twice before Iowa became a state; and

24 WHEREAS, the blue in the banner symbolizes loyalty,
25 the white purity, and the red courage; and

26 WHEREAS, Iowa's assimilation into the United States
27 is represented in the banner by a blue streamer, on
28 which is inscribed the state motto, "Our liberties we
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1 prize and our rights we will maintain", carried by a
2 soaring eagle, the symbol of America; and

3 WHEREAS, the state banner is a source of pride for
4 all Iowans; and

5 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to designate one
6 day each year for all Iowans to reflect upon and honor
7 Iowa's official state banner; NOW THEREFORE,

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE
9 SENATE CONCURRING, That the General Assembly hereby
10 designates March 29 of each year as Iowa State Flag
11 Day.

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