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1 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.

2 BY CHURCHILL

3 A Concurrent Resolution requesting that the federal

4 government take all necessary and appropriate action

5 to ensure that Japan establishes and maintains an

6 open and competitive market for United States exports.

7 WHEREAS, for many years, the United States trade

8 representative has reported in the National Trade

9 Estimate Report on numerous trade barriers to United

10 States exports in the Japanese market; and

11 WHEREAS, Japan's policies to restrict market access

12 have perpetuated the chronic and seemingly intractable

13 trade deficit the United States has experienced with

14 Japan for more than three decades; and

15 WHEREAS, the United States trade representative has

16 engaged over the last several years in an intensive

17 investigation of the Japanese distribution system and

18 its impact on United States exports; and

19 WHEREAS, the World Trade Organization agreements do

20 not provide a current basis to address the systematic

21 Japanese barriers; and

22 WHEREAS, the continued denial of market access in

23 Japan for United States exports through maintenance of

24 a closed distribution system and liberalization

25 countermeasures injures companies and workers in this

26 state; NOW THEREFORE,

27 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE

28 SENATE CONCURRING, That the General Assembly of the

29 State of Iowa calls upon the federal government to

30 take all necessary and appropriate action to ensure

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1 that Japan establishes and maintains an open and
2 competitive market for United States exports; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the
4 Iowa House of Representatives deliver a copy of this
5 Concurrent Resolution to each member of the
6 congressional delegation representing the State of
7 Iowa.

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