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1 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21
2 BY FALLON, VANDE HOEF, CONNORS, BODDICKER, MYERS,
3 WELTER, WITT, CARROLL, SCHRADER, GRUNDBERG,
4 BURNETT, and MASCHER
5 A Concurrent Resolution establishing a special commis-
6 sion to study and make recommendations concerning
7 urban planning, growth management of cities, and
8 protection of farmland.
9 WHEREAS, it is the intent of the General Assembly
10 to provide for the orderly use and development of land
11 in the state, to preserve private property rights, to
12 preserve the use of prime agricultural land for
13 agricultural production, to preserve natural,
14 cultural, and historical areas, and to provide for the
15 coordination of comprehensive plans for land use; and
16 WHEREAS, it is the intent of the General Assembly
17 to control urban sprawl, and thereby provide for the
18 protection and preservation of the private and public
19 interest in the land, water, and related resources of
20 this state for the public health, safety, and general
21 welfare, and for the benefit of present and future
22 generations; NOW THEREFORE,
23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE
24 SENATE CONCURRING, That a special commission shall be
25 established to study urban planning, growth
26 management, and farmland protection; and
27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special commission
28 shall consist of 17 voting members with diverse
29 expertise in planning, development, design, zoning,
30 annexation, agriculture, historic preservation, and

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- 1 conservation, including all of the following:
- 2 1. Four members of the general assembly with not
3 more than one member from each chamber being from the
4 same political party. The two senators shall be
5 designated by the majority leader of the Senate after
6 consultation with the minority leader of the Senate.
7 The two representatives shall be designated by the
8 Speaker of the House of Representatives after
9 consultation with the majority and minority leaders of
10 the House of Representatives. Of the members from
11 each chamber, one member shall represent a district
12 which is primarily urban, while the other member shall
13 represent a district which is primarily rural.
 - 14 2. One member appointed by the Governor.
 - 15 3. The executive director of the Iowa Farm Bureau
16 Federation or a designee of the executive director.
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18 Union or a designee of the executive director.
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22 Association of Counties or a designee of the executive
23 director.
 - 24 7. The chairperson of the Department of Community
25 and Regional Planning in the College of Design at Iowa
26 State University of Science and Technology.
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28 American Planning Association or a designee of the
29 president.
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1 Builders and Contractors of Iowa or a designee of the
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4 of Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioners
5 or a designee of the executive director.

6 11. The executive director of the Iowa Historic
7 Preservation Alliance or a designee of the executive
8 director.

9 12. The president of the Iowa Chapter of the
10 American Society of Landscape Architects or a designee
11 of the president.

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13 the American Institute of Architects or a designee of
14 the executive director.

15 14. The executive director of the Iowa Natural
16 Heritage Foundation or a designee of the executive
17 director; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the co-chairpersons of
19 the special commission shall be the General Assembly
20 members of the majority party from each chamber; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special commission
22 shall do all of the following:

23 1. Review the county land-use inventories compiled
24 pursuant to chapter 352 and survey the status of Iowa
25 farmland and natural areas since the compilation of
26 the county land-use inventories to determine the
27 extent to which these areas have been converted to
28 residential, commercial, or industrial use. The
29 survey shall also report on the agricultural quality
30 of the farmland converted to residential, commercial,

1 or industrial use.

2 2. Survey the problems facing the state's cities
3 including, but not limited to, problems involving
4 crime, poverty, infrastructure, housing, and taxation.

5 3. Evaluate the effectiveness of current state,
6 regional, and local planning and zoning laws and
7 assess their impact on the farmland, natural areas,
8 and cities of the state.

9 4. Review model legislation and studies on
10 farmland protection and urban planning and collect
11 information on states that have undertaken reform
12 efforts and have effective programs.

13 5. During 1997, hold public hearings throughout
14 the state to share the initial findings of the special
15 commission and solicit public comment and input on
16 steps that might be taken to address the charge of the
17 special commission.

18 6. Propose innovative and cooperative planning and
19 land-use approaches that will protect farmland,
20 accommodate and guide growth and development, ensure
21 the planning and construction of adequate supporting
22 services and infrastructure including utilities, storm
23 water management systems, and transportation, provide
24 opportunities for or eliminate barriers to affordable
25 housing, protect the environment, minimize exposure to
26 natural hazards, and generally address the concerns
27 outlined in this resolution.

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29 hold a second series of public hearings in the fall of
30 1998; and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special commission
2 shall convene each month; and

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4 shall submit an interim report to the General Assembly
5 no later than January 1, 1998, which shall include,
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7 commission's actions and an explanation of future
8 plans; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special commission
10 shall submit a final report to the General Assembly no
11 later than December 1, 1998, which shall include, but
12 not be limited to, findings, analysis, and
13 recommendations by the special commission; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Legislative
15 Council pursuant to its authority in section 2.43 may
16 allocate funding from moneys available to it in
17 section 2.12, to the special commission created in
18 this resolution for studies, consultants, surveys, and
19 reimbursement of any public or private department or
20 agency that provides staffing services for the
21 commission.

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 21

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1 Amend House Concurrent Resolution 21 as follows:

2 1. Page 1, line 28, by striking the figure "17"
3 and inserting the following: "21".

4 2. Page 3, line 1, by inserting after the word
5 "Iowa" the following: ", Inc."

6 3. Page 3, by striking line 17 and inserting the
7 following: "director."

8 15. The executive director of the Iowa Public
9 Transit Association or a designee of the executive
10 director.

11 16. The executive director of the Iowa Sportsmen's
12 Federation or a designee of the executive director.

13 17. The president of the Iowa Audubon Council or a
14 designee of the president.

15 18. One member appointed jointly by the farm
16 commodity organizations of the state; and".

By FALLON of Polk

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