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STATE GOVERNMENT

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 6
BY KREMER

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A Joint Resolution designating the traditional American square
2 dance the state folk dance of Iowa.
3 WHEREAS, dances were among the gifts brought by European
4 immigrants to America; and
5 WHEREAS, as people migrated across America, elements from
6 these dances, the quadrilles, jigs, reels, and fandangos of
7 Europe, were combined to become an art form uniquely American;
8 and
9 WHEREAS, the traditional American square dance gave Iowa's
10 early rural settlers another means to establish friendships and
11 create community spirit; and
12 WHEREAS, the 1996 Festival of Iowa Folklife, held in the
13 summer of Iowa's Sesquicentennial year, was a celebration of Iowa
14 pride and a chance to enjoy everything that is distinctively
15 Iowan and included traditional American dance demonstrations; and
16 WHEREAS, it is common practice for states to adopt specific
17 flowers, birds, songs, and trees as state symbols; NOW THEREFORE,
18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 Section 1. The traditional American square dance shall
2 officially be designated the state folk dance of Iowa.

3 Sec. 2. The editor of the Iowa official register is
4 directed to include an appropriate picture illustrating the
5 traditional American square dance in Iowa, accompanied by
6 suitable text, in the section devoted to state symbols.

7 EXPLANATION

8 This Joint Resolution designates the traditional American
9 square dance as the official state folk dance of Iowa.

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