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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 110

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(COMPANION TO HCR 113 BY VAN FOSSEN)

A Concurrent Resolution relating to the increased utilization of the Rock Island Arsenal.

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Defense seeks to achieve economy and efficiency in the utilization of resources and facilities; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Defense is currently leasing office and facility space for government military missions; and

WHEREAS, the facilities of the Rock Island Arsenal, located on Rock Island Arsenal island in the Mississippi River between the states of Iowa and Illinois, employ approximately six thousand people, contain tens of thousands of square feet of available office space within buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places, reflect greatly enhanced physical plant, machine tool inventory, and data processing capabilities which are the result of a multi-year modernization project and comprise one of the largest weapons manufacturing arsenals in the world; and

WHEREAS, the Defense Megacenter-Rock Island, located at the Rock Island Arsenal, has significant ability through a robust communications infrastructure to furnish a full range of automation services, including business, tactical, and logistical systems support in both the classified and unclassified environments, and can service, operate, and maintain

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1 automation and communications equipment for federal,  
2 state, or local agencies on a reimbursable basis; and

3 WHEREAS, the facilities of the Rock Island Arsenal  
4 warrant utilization of the facilities to the fullest  
5 possible extent; and

6 WHEREAS, government military missions currently  
7 housed in leased facilities at other locations could  
8 readily be relocated to and accommodated on the Rock  
9 Island Arsenal, resulting in a significant taxpayer  
10 savings due to the discontinuance of the leases  
11 currently in place; NOW THEREFORE,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF  
13 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the Iowa General  
14 Assembly urges the United States Department of Defense  
15 and the United States Senate and House of  
16 Representatives to maximize the use of the facilities  
17 at the Rock Island Arsenal by moving government  
18 military missions currently located in leased  
19 facilities into the vacant and available buildings  
20 located at the Rock Island facility.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this  
22 resolution be sent to the President of the United  
23 States, the United States Secretary of Defense, the  
24 Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States  
25 Senate, the Speaker, Majority Leader, and Minority  
26 Leader of the United States House of Representatives,  
27 and to the members of Iowa's congressional delegation.

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