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1 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.

2 BY GRUNDBERG

3 A Concurrent Resolution encouraging the federal
4 government to provide states greater flexibility
5 concerning the implementation of federal legislation.

6 WHEREAS, the federal government has prevented
7 states from implementing needed federal legislation
8 pending the adoption of administrative regulations by
9 the federal executive branch and has also, at times,
10 failed to adopt regulations until only a few months
11 prior to the end of the authorization period for the
12 legislation; and

13 WHEREAS, regulations adopted at the federal level
14 are often cumbersome and overly prescriptive and fail
15 to take into account the uniqueness and ingenuity of
16 the several states in implementing the legislation in
17 a manner that fits the needs of a particular state;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, the United States Congress has
20 acknowledged concerns about federal regulations by
21 adopting the federal Congressional Review Act which
22 gives Congress extraordinary ability to scrutinize and
23 potentially expunge new regulations adopted by
24 executive agencies at the federal level; and

25 WHEREAS, Iowa has had great success when granted
26 the flexibility from federal regulations through
27 waivers to fashion solutions as evidenced by the
28 adoption and implementation of welfare reform through
29 the family investment program; and

30 WHEREAS, the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

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1 Services in the Iowa Department of Education has
2 generated cost savings while implementing many of the
3 1992 changes to the federal Vocational Rehabilitation
4 Act of 1973 by being granted the flexibility by the
5 United States Department of Education to implement the
6 changes without waiting for the adoption of federal
7 regulations; and

8 WHEREAS, the role of the states as laboratories of
9 innovation in implementing federal legislation should
10 be enhanced by granting states more authority and
11 flexibility in this area; NOW THEREFORE,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE
13 SENATE CONCURRING, That the federal administration and
14 the United States Congress are encouraged to
15 investigate and adopt measures to permit states
16 greater flexibility in implementing and complying with
17 federal legislation; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the federal
19 administration and Congress consider providing states
20 general authority to request waivers from federal
21 regulations and to provide states the ability to
22 implement federal legislation prior to the adoption of
23 federal regulations concerning that legislation; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
25 resolution be sent to the President of the United
26 States, the President of the United States Senate, the
27 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives,
28 and the members of Iowa's congressional delegation.

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