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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 111

BY THOMSON

1 A House Concurrent Resolution encouraging state and
2 local governments, business interests, health care
3 professionals, and individuals with interest in
4 good health to help in educating the public to raise
5 awareness regarding osteoporosis prevention,
6 detection, and treatment.

7 WHEREAS, osteoporosis is a condition of reduced
8 bone mass that primarily affects women, resulting in
9 crippling bone fractures; and

10 WHEREAS, osteoporosis is a progressive disease that
11 generally is revealed with bone fractures occurring in
12 the hip, spine, and wrist; and

13 WHEREAS, the prevalence of osteoporosis in Iowa
14 continues to grow, and by 2015, the Iowa department of
15 public health estimates the annual cost to Iowans for
16 treatment, and long-term care, and other needs could
17 reach \$229 million; and

18 WHEREAS, osteoporosis can be prevented or slowed
19 with proper nutrition, especially consumption of
20 calcium, regular exercise beginning in childhood, and
21 education; and

22 WHEREAS, low-bone density and osteoporosis can be
23 detected through bone density testing and treated with
24 certain medications; and

25 WHEREAS, educational efforts to raise awareness
26 regarding osteoporosis should be targeted both to
27 youth, who are increasingly substituting consumption
28 of soft drinks in place of milk, and to adults; NOW

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1 THEREFORE,

2 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE
3 SENATE CONCURRING, That Iowa health care
4 professionals, county public health departments,
5 public and private schools, hospitals, area agencies
6 on aging, employer-operated wellness programs, health
7 care insurers and care management corporations,
8 women's groups, nonprofit organizations, professional
9 associations, religious organizations and other
10 community-based organizations, and others who can
11 provide educational information to youth and adults,
12 are encouraged to provide general educational
13 information concerning osteoporosis, as well as the
14 methods for preventing osteoporosis, importance of
15 bone-density testing and other means of detecting low-
16 bone density osteoporosis, and approaches for treating
17 osteoporosis; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage of this
19 Resolution, an official copy shall be sent by the
20 Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to the
21 Iowa department of public health for the department to
22 disseminate as part of its efforts to educate the
23 public concerning osteoporosis.

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