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STATE GOVERNMENT

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. *20*

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3 A Concurrent Resolution designating December 15, 1999,  
4 as Bill of Rights Day.

5 WHEREAS, the first 10 amendments to the  
6 Constitution of the United States of America, which  
7 are collectively referred to as the Bill of Rights,  
8 were ratified on December 15, 1791; and

9 WHEREAS, several of the original states refused to  
10 ratify the Constitution without an express Bill of  
11 Rights; and

12 WHEREAS, the Bill of Rights recognizes, affirms,  
13 and protects fundamental individual rights for which  
14 persons of all races have struggled for thousands of  
15 years; and

16 WHEREAS, Americans should pause to reflect on the  
17 sacrifices made by generations to protect the Bill of  
18 Rights and celebrate the rights and freedoms  
19 guaranteed by the Bill of Rights; and

20 WHEREAS, to commemorate the Bill of Rights with a  
21 special day would honor the fundamental rights it  
22 protects, and the sacrifices made to create and  
23 preserve these rights; NOW THEREFORE,

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE  
25 SENATE CONCURRING, That the General Assembly designate  
26 December 15, 1999, as Bill of Rights Day and encourage  
27 all government agencies to observe the day in a manner  
28 that brings to mind the meaning, need, and importance  
29 of each of the first 10 amendments in the Bill of  
30 Rights.

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the General Assembly  
2 request that the Governor issue a proclamation calling  
3 upon the people of Iowa to observe Bill of Rights Day  
4 with appropriate programs, classroom recitations, and  
5 activities.

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