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1 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.

2 BY DODERER

3 A Concurrent Resolution requesting the President of
4 the United States to endorse and sign the
5 International Convention on the Prohibition of the
6 Use, Stockpiling, Production, and Transfer of
7 Anti-Personnel Landmines and on Their Destruction.
8 WHEREAS, landmines remain deadly and active on
9 battlefields, roads, farm fields, villages, and towns
10 long after wars end, putting innocent civilians at
11 risk; and

12 WHEREAS, landmines kill and maim for years after
13 wars end when triggered by men and women at work and
14 children at play; and

15 WHEREAS, the International Red Cross estimates that
16 around the world 800 people are killed and 1,200
17 people are maimed each month by landmines; and

18 WHEREAS, it is estimated that 100,000 deadly active
19 landmines remain undetonated and scattered throughout
20 the world; and

21 WHEREAS, unless banned, landmines will continue to
22 indiscriminately kill and maim 25,000 or more innocent
23 people each year for many years into the future; and

24 WHEREAS, American Jody Williams, Coordinator of the
25 International Campaign to Ban Landmines, received the
26 Nobel Peace Prize in October 1997, for her efforts to
27 promote the banning of landmines; and

28 WHEREAS, since the Ottawa Meeting in December 1997,
29 133 governments from around the world have signed the
30 International Convention on the Prohibition of the

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1 Use, Stockpiling, Production, and Transfer of Anti-
2 Personnel Landmines and on Their Destruction; and
3 WHEREAS, the President of the United States has
4 refused to endorse and failed to sign the
5 International Convention on the Prohibition of the
6 Use, Stockpiling, Production, and Transfer of Anti-
7 Personnel Landmines and on Their Destruction; NOW
8 THEREFORE,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE
10 SENATE CONCURRING, That the President of the United
11 States is requested to endorse and sign the
12 International Convention on the Prohibition of the
13 Use, Stockpiling, Production, and Transfer of Anti-
14 Personnel Landmines and on Their Destruction; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
16 Resolution be sent by the Chief Clerk of the House of
17 Representatives to the President of the United States,
18 the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker
19 of the United States House of Representatives, and the
20 members of Iowa's congressional delegation.

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