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STATE GOVERNMENT

HOUSE FILE

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(COMPANION TO LSB 1999SS  
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Vote: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act requesting the governor to issue annually a proclamation  
2 designating a "Bill of Rights Day".

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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HF 334

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 1C.12 BILL OF RIGHTS DAY.

2 The governor of this state is hereby authorized and  
3 requested to issue annually a proclamation designating the  
4 fifteenth day of December as "Bill of Rights Day" and to  
5 encourage all governmental bodies in the state to observe the  
6 day in a manner that emphasizes the meaning and importance of  
7 the first ten amendments to the United States Constitution,  
8 and declare that the Bill of Rights should be read aloud in  
9 its entirety in all public schools, government meetings, and  
10 courtrooms on that date.

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EXPLANATION

12 This bill authorizes and requests the governor to issue  
13 annually a proclamation designating December 15, the month and  
14 day of ratification in 1791, as "Bill of Rights Day", and to  
15 encourage all governmental bodies in the state to observe the  
16 day in a manner that emphasizes the meaning and importance of  
17 the first 10 amendments to the United States Constitution, and  
18 declare that the Bill of Rights should be read aloud in its  
19 entirety in all public schools, government meetings, and  
20 courtrooms on that date.

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