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STATE GOVERNMENT

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 11

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FOEGE, HUSER, and FALLON

Passed House, Date _____ Passed Senate, Date _____
Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____ Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____
Approved _____

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State to conduct a
2 nonbinding election on Iowa's state motto to be held in
3 conjunction with a statewide special election and providing an
4 effective date.

5 WHEREAS, Iowans take great pride in their state and want the
6 rest of the world to know it; and

7 WHEREAS, all states give serious consideration to the choice
8 of a state motto because the perception of a state is derived
9 from its motto; and

10 WHEREAS, the task of determining a state motto for Iowa is a
11 formidable task because it requires that the great history,
12 characteristics, and assets of the state be encapsulated in one
13 brief, forceful, and meaningful phrase; and

14 WHEREAS, recent media attention given to the choice of Iowa's
15 state motto has both engendered and revealed a great deal of
16 enthusiasm on the part of Iowans to have a say in choosing Iowa's
17 next state motto; NOW THEREFORE,

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

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1 That the Secretary of State is directed to place on the
 2 ballot of a special election to be held Tuesday, June 29,
 3 1999, if such a special election is held on that date, three
 4 possible state mottoes submitted by the Governor, requesting
 5 the voters to choose one. The results of this election shall
 6 be nonbinding on the General Assembly.

7 This Joint Resolution, being deemed of immediate
 8 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

EXPLANATION

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 10 This joint resolution directs the Secretary of State to
 11 place on the ballot of the special election to be held on June
 12 29, 1999, a choice of three possible state mottoes, asking
 13 each voter to choose one as the next state motto. The results
 14 of the election are nonbinding.

15 The joint resolution is effective upon enactment, which in
 16 the case of this joint resolution is the date of approval by
 17 the governor.

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