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1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 109
 2 BY LUNDBY
 3 (COMPANION TO HCR 111 BY THOMSON)
 4 A Senate Concurrent Resolution encouraging state and
 5 local governments, business interests, health care
 6 professionals, and individuals with interest in
 7 good health to help in educating the public to raise
 8 awareness regarding osteoporosis prevention,
 9 detection, and treatment.
 10 WHEREAS, osteoporosis is a condition of reduced
 11 bone mass that primarily affects women, resulting in
 12 crippling bone fractures; and
 13 WHEREAS, osteoporosis is a progressive disease that
 14 generally is revealed with bone fractures occurring in
 15 the hip, spine, and wrist; and
 16 WHEREAS, the prevalence of osteoporosis in Iowa
 17 continues to grow, and by 2015, the Iowa department of
 18 public health estimates the annual cost to Iowans for
 19 treatment, and long-term care, and other needs could
 20 reach \$229 million; and
 21 WHEREAS, osteoporosis can be prevented or slowed
 22 with proper nutrition, especially consumption of
 23 calcium, regular exercise beginning in childhood, and
 24 education; and
 25 WHEREAS, low-bone density and osteoporosis can be
 26 detected through bone density testing and treated with
 27 certain medications; and
 28 WHEREAS, educational efforts to raise awareness
 29 regarding osteoporosis should be targeted both to
 30 youth, who are increasingly substituting consumption

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1 of soft drinks in place of milk, and to adults; NOW

2 THEREFORE,

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

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

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