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1 decision, the United States Census Bureau is still
2 considering the use of statistical sampling in the
3 reporting of population data to the states for use in
4 legislative redistricting; and

5 WHEREAS, the use of two methods for the
6 determination and reporting of census data would
7 create serious legal questions and uncertainties if
8 adjusted population data is required to be used to
9 determine legislative district boundaries;

10 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE
11 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the General
12 Assembly of the State of Iowa calls on the United
13 States Census Bureau to conduct the 2000 decennial
14 census consistent with the aforementioned United
15 States Supreme Court ruling and constitutional
16 mandate, which require a physical headcount of the
17 population and bar the use of statistical sampling to
18 create or in any way adjust the count; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the General Assembly
20 opposes the use and reporting of population data for
21 state legislative redistricting based on census
22 numbers that have been determined in whole or in part
23 by the use of statistical inferences derived by means
24 of random sampling techniques or other statistical
25 methodologies that add or subtract persons to the
26 census counts; and

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the General Assembly
28 demands that it receive population data for
29 legislative redistricting identical to the census
30 tabulation data used to apportion seats in the United

1 States House of Representatives, consistent with the
2 aforementioned United States Supreme Court ruling and
3 constitutional mandate, which require a physical
4 headcount of the population and bar the use of
5 statistical sampling to create or in any way adjust
6 the count; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the General Assembly
8 calls on the United States Census Bureau to ensure
9 that the population data reported be as accurate as
10 possible by providing a mechanism for citizens,
11 consistent with applicable legal requirements, to
12 challenge the population data reported as to a
13 specific area and to seek a recount of the population
14 in that area; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the General Assembly
16 urges Congress, as the branch of government assigned
17 the responsibility of overseeing the decennial
18 enumeration, to take whatever steps are necessary to
19 ensure that the 2000 decennial census is conducted
20 fairly and legally; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
22 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
23 United States, the Vice President of the United
24 States, the Speaker of the United States House of
25 Representatives, the Majority Leader of the United
26 States Senate, and members of Iowa's congressional
27 delegation.

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