

1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19
 2 BY FRAISE
 3 A Concurrent Resolution designating December 15, 1999,
 4 as Bill of Rights Day.
 5 WHEREAS, the first 10 amendments to the
 6 Constitution of the United States of America, which
 7 are collectively referred to as the Bill of Rights,
 8 were ratified on December 15, 1791; and
 9 WHEREAS, several of the original states refused to
 10 ratify the Constitution without an express Bill of
 11 Rights; and
 12 WHEREAS, the Bill of Rights recognizes, affirms,
 13 and protects fundamental individual rights for which
 14 persons of all races have struggled for thousands of
 15 years; and
 16 WHEREAS, Americans should pause to reflect on the
 17 sacrifices made by generations to protect the Bill of
 18 Rights and celebrate the rights and freedoms
 19 guaranteed by the Bill of Rights; and
 20 WHEREAS, to commemorate the Bill of Rights with a
 21 special day would honor the fundamental rights it
 22 protects, and the sacrifices made to create and
 23 preserve these rights; NOW THEREFORE,
 24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF
 25 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the General Assembly
 26 designate December 15, 1999, as Bill of Rights Day and
 27 encourage all government agencies to observe the day
 28 in a manner that brings to mind the meaning, need, and
 29 importance of each of the first 10 amendments in the
 30 Bill of Rights.

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the General Assembly
2 request that the Governor issue a proclamation calling
3 upon the people of Iowa to observe Bill of Rights Day
4 with appropriate programs, classroom recitations, and
5 activities.

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