

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3

BY LUNDBY

A Concurrent Resolution requesting the Congress of the United States to establish a national park in the Loess Hills area of western Iowa.

WHEREAS, although loess deposits occur extensively throughout the world, the Iowa loess deposits are unique, with some deposits attaining the depth of nearly 200 feet; and

WHEREAS, other loess deposits which approach the magnitude of Iowa's Loess Hills are located in northern China; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Loess Hills, encompassing more than 600,000 acres, hold an abundance of rare plant and animal communities including some of the few remaining plats of native prairie grasses; and

WHEREAS, the State of Iowa is establishing the Loess Hills Pioneer State Forest which currently includes approximately 9,000 acres of forest, grass, and cropland; and

WHEREAS, the loess deposits are highly erodible soils which warrant appropriate conservation management practices to protect the land from severe soil losses; and

WHEREAS, many areas of Iowa's Loess Hills are suitable for multiple public uses and benefits, including outdoor recreation, wildlife habitat, and historical, geological, and cultural investigation;
NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF

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1 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the General Assembly
2 of the State of Iowa requests the members of the
3 Congress of the United States to expeditiously pass
4 enabling legislation and direct the United States
5 Department of the Interior to establish a Loess Hills
6 National Park in western Iowa; and
7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
8 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
9 United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States
10 House of Representatives, the Secretary of the United
11 States Department of the Interior, and the members of
12 Iowa's congressional delegation.

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