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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.  $\checkmark$ 1 GRUNDBERG, ROBERTS, SHEY, DOLECHECK, EDDIE, 2 BY 3 METCALF, BAUDLER, BOGGESS, ELGIN, KETTERING, ALONS, 4 SIEVERS, BOAL, JENKINS, JOHNSON, KLEMME, DRAKE, 5 BROERS, VAN FOSSEN, HOVERSTEN, FINCH, De BOEF, 6 and REKOW 7 A Concurrent Resolution supporting the admission of the 8 Baltic States of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. 9 10 WHEREAS, the Baltic States of Estonia, Latvia, and 11 Lithuania are free, democratic, and independent 12 nations with a long and proud history; and 13 WHEREAS, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization 14 (NATO) is dedicated to the preservation of the freedom 15 and security of its member nations; and 16 WHEREAS, the Baltic States of Estonia, Latvia, and 17 Lithuania desire to share in both the benefits and 18 obligations of NATO in pursuing the development, 19 growth, and promotion of democratic institutions and 20 ensuring free market economic development; and 21 WHEREAS, those nations recognize their 22 responsibilities as democratic nations and wish to 23 exercise these responsibilities in concert with 24 members of NATO; and 25 WHEREAS, the Baltic States desire to become part of 26 NATO's efforts to prevent the extremes of nationalism; 27 and WHEREAS, the security of the United States is 28 29 dependent upon the stability of central Europe; NOW 30 THEREFORE,

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE
SENATE CONCURRING, That the Iowa General Assembly
supports the admission of the Baltic States of
Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania to the North Atlantic
Treaty Organization.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this 6 7 Resolution be sent by the Chief Clerk of the House of 8 Representatives to the President of the United States; 9 the President of the Senate of the United States; the 10 Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate of the 11 United States; the Speaker of the House of 12 Representatives of the United States; the Committee on 13 International Relations of the House of 14 Representatives of the United States; and members of 15 Iowa's congressional delegation. 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

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