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STATE GOVERNMENT

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1

BY GARMAN

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A Joint Resolution designating "Iowa", a poem by Don Whattoff, as
2 the official state poem.

3 WHEREAS, the poem "Iowa" by Don Whattoff of Ames, Iowa,
4 exemplifies the love Iowa's citizens feel for their state; and

5 WHEREAS, the poem reads as follows:

6 One hundred fifty years ago
 7 Out on the rolling plain
 8 A rosebud blossomed into view
 9 And Iowa was her name
 10 Between the mighty rivers
 11 Rolling 'neath our feet
 12 There lies the fairest homeland
 13 Wherever heart did beat
 14 Her gentle rolling prairies
 15 Her wooded slopes and streams
 16 Her lush and blooming meadows
 17 Her four revolving seasons
 18 Make life a pleasant change
 19 Each season sparks a precious gem
 20 Each has its proper range
 21 Her fragrant blushing springtime
 22 Her pleasant summer nights
 23 The rustle of her golden fall
 24 Her snowy winter sites

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1 Iowa oh sleepy one
2 Your settlers loved you dearly
3 They loved your rippling streams
4 And rivers running freely
5 They loved your rich black soil
6 Your waving golden corn
7 Your never ending plenty
8 Your overflowing horn
9 Why should a man e're leave thee
10 For a land not half so fair
11 Why should a man forsake your love
12 Your fruits so sweet and rare
13 So may we ever hail thee
14 The fairest and the best
15 The richest and the grandest
16 That ever God has blessed.

17 NOW THEREFORE,

18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 That the poem "Iowa", by Don Whattoff, is officially
2 designated the state poem of Iowa. The editor of the Iowa
3 official register shall include the text of the poem "Iowa",
4 in the section devoted to official state symbols.

5 EXPLANATION

6 This joint resolution designates the poem "Iowa", by Don
7 Whattoff, as the official state poem of Iowa. The resolution
8 requires that the text of the poem be printed in the section
9 of the Iowa official register which lists official state
10 symbols.

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