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1	SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.
2	BY KRAMER, McKIBBEN, SCHUERER, LUNDBY, VEENSTRA,
3	McKINLEY, DRAKE, REDWINE, KING, FREEMAN, REHBERG,
4	JOHNSON, BOETTGER, ZIEMAN, and IVERSON
5	A Concurrent Resolution supporting the admission of the
6	Baltic States of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania to
7	the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.
8	WHEREAS, the Baltic States of Estonia, Latvia, and
9	Lithuania are free, democratic, and independent
10	nations with a long and proud history; and
11	WHEREAS, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization
12	(NATO) is dedicated to the preservation of the freedom
13	and security of its member nations; and
14	WHEREAS, the Baltic States of Estonia, Latvia, and
15	Lithuania desire to share in both the benefits and
16	obligations of NATO in pursuing the development,
17	growth, and promotion of democratic institutions and
18	ensuring free market economic development; and
19	WHEREAS, those nations recognize their
20	responsibilities as democratic nations and wish to
21	exercise these responsibilities in concert with
22	members of NATO; and
23	WHEREAS, the Baltic States desire to become part of
24	NATO's efforts to prevent the extremes of nationalism;
25	and
26	WHEREAS, the security of the United States is
27	dependent upon the stability of central Europe; NOW
28	THEREFORE,
29	BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF

30 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the Iowa General

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1 Assembly supports the admission of the Baltic States 2 of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania to the North 3 Atlantic Treaty Organization. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this 5 Resolution be sent by the Secretary of the Senate to 6 the President of the United States: the President of 7 the Senate of the United States; the Committee on 8 Foreign Relations of the Senate of the United States; 9 the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the 10 United States; the Committee on International 11 Relations of the House of Representatives of the 12 United States; and members of Iowa's congressional 13 delegation. 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29

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