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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.

BY MILLER AND FRAISE

A Concurrent Resolution urging the Governor to appoint a commission to develop design proposals for Iowa's participation in the United States Mint's 50 State Quarters Program, and to direct the commission to develop designs incorporating a symbol for the state of Iowa.

WHEREAS, the United States Mint has implemented a program in accordance with Public Law No. 105-124, to commemorate each of the 50 states in the order in which the states ratified the United States Constitution and joined the Union; and

WHEREAS, each state has an opportunity to develop and submit designs representative of the state; and

WHEREAS, quarter dollar coins have a commercial lifespan of at least 30 years and are collected for generations, providing an opportunity for wide distribution of an enduring symbol of this state; and

WHEREAS, Iowa entered the Union as the twenty-ninth state on December 28, 1846, and the quarter dollar honoring the state of Iowa will be issued in 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Iowa will be contacted no later than 2002 concerning Iowa's design submission; and

WHEREAS, a special commission should be established by the Governor to consider Iowa's design submission; and

WHEREAS, the symbol of the State of Iowa should reflect the agricultural heritage of this great state;

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2 WHEREAS, the symbol should be unique and identified  
3 with Iowa; and

4 WHEREAS, the rich cultural heritage of Iowa should  
5 be displayed on the symbol; and

6 WHEREAS, the one symbol that superbly represents  
7 our culture, one of our famous artists, and  
8 agriculture, is Grant Wood's painting, "American  
9 Gothic"; NOW THEREFORE,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF  
11 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the General Assembly  
12 urges Governor Vilsack to appoint a special commission  
13 charged with developing a design incorporating the  
14 famous Grant Wood painting "American Gothic" as the  
15 symbol for the state quarter.

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