

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 12

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1 A Resolution urging the United States Congress to
2 immediately enact legislation assisting states and
3 local governments in improving their first responder
4 networks.

5 WHEREAS, President George W. Bush and congressional
6 leaders are now contemplating that a war with Iraq
7 could begin within weeks and not months; and

8 WHEREAS, a significant threat exists that
9 terrorists may initiate attacks on the United States
10 once the war begins; and

11 WHEREAS, three months ago, President Bush
12 recommended that Congress appropriate \$3.5 billion for
13 states and local governments to train and equip local
14 first responders; and

15 WHEREAS, local fire fighters, emergency medical
16 technicians, municipal law enforcement agency
17 officers, and other first responders will be the first
18 to deal with the consequences of terrorist attacks on
19 the United States; and

20 WHEREAS, Ellen Gordon, the Director of Iowa's
21 Emergency Management Division of the Department of
22 Public Defense and the head of Iowa's homeland
23 security efforts, has completed the preliminary
24 strategic planning to immediately put a portion of the
25 proposed federal dollars to use at the state and local
26 level in Iowa; NOW THEREFORE,

27 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
28 That the Iowa House of Representatives urges Congress
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1 to immediately act to strengthen Iowa's homeland
2 security by passing President Bush's request for \$3.5
3 billion to assist states and local governments in
4 improving their first responder networks.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the
6 House of Representatives send copies of this
7 resolution to the President of the United States; the
8 President of the United States Senate; the Speaker of
9 the United States House of Representatives; and to
10 members of Iowa's Congressional delegation.

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