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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 141

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3 A Resolution urging the United States Congress to
4 appropriate funds to the National Park Service to
5 assist state and local governments and private
6 landowners in developing a comprehensive plan to
7 preserve and restore the Loess Hills in Iowa.

8 WHEREAS, the Loess Hills in Iowa are a unique
9 natural resource that are recognized worldwide for
10 their unique landscape and geological value; and

11 WHEREAS, the Loess Hills are also recognized for
12 their unique cultural and archaeological resources;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, the National Park Service and a team of
15 Iowa specialists completed a Special Resource Study
16 and Environmental Assessment of the Loess Hills in
17 2002; and

18 WHEREAS, the Special Resource Study provided
19 national recognition that the Loess Hills in western
20 Iowa with their extensive prairie ecosystems are of
21 "exceptional value"; and

22 WHEREAS, the Special Resource Study catalogued a
23 series of threats to the integrity of the Loess Hills
24 including erosion, displacement of prairie, unplanned
25 growth, and degradation of archaeological resources;
26 and

27 WHEREAS, a comprehensive plan would complement and
28 assist in synthesizing the efforts of a broad range of
29 state, private, and federal programs; and

30 WHEREAS, the need for assistance is most acute in

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1 the twelve special landscape areas that have been
2 identified in the Loess Hills; and

3 WHEREAS, federal assistance is needed to aid state
4 and local governments and private landowners in the
5 Loess Hills in their efforts to preserve these last
6 native prairies of Iowa and this scenic landform; and

7 WHEREAS, the State of Iowa and the nation are
8 celebrating the visit of the Lewis and Clark Corps of
9 Discovery to this treasured Iowa landform 200 years
10 ago; NOW THEREFORE,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
12 That the Iowa House of Representatives urges Congress
13 to immediately act to authorize and appropriate
14 funding to the National Park Service so that the
15 National Park Service can participate with the Loess
16 Hills Development and Conservation Authority and with
17 representatives of the Iowa Department of Agriculture
18 and Land Stewardship, the Iowa Department of Natural
19 Resources, the Iowa Department of Transportation,
20 educational institutions, nongovernmental
21 organizations, and private landowners in the
22 development of a comprehensive plan to ensure the
23 long-term protection of the Loess Hills in Iowa; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the
25 House of Representatives send copies of this
26 Resolution to the President of the United States; the
27 President of the United States Senate; the Speaker of
28 the United States House of Representatives; and to
29 members of Iowa's congressional delegation.

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