

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 155
2 BY BODDICKER, DRAKE, BOGGESS, EICHHORN,
3 GRANZOW, MADDOX, and CARROLL
4 A Resolution urging the federal government to establish
5 a National Center for Rural and Agricultural
6 Behavioral Health in Iowa.
7 WHEREAS, Iowa is widely recognized as a leading
8 agricultural producing state in the world and its
9 farmers and rural residents are recognized for their
10 work ethic in providing food and other products to
11 consumers in this nation and the world; and
12 WHEREAS, persons in rural America, including farm
13 families, are affected by a number of health issues,
14 including those relating to improving physical safety,
15 alleviating stress, and promoting family
16 relationships; and
17 WHEREAS, Iowa has a number of outstanding state and
18 local institutions, including universities, which
19 administer programs that focus upon agriculture,
20 health, and rural health, and which include the Center
21 for Rural Health and Primary Care; and
22 WHEREAS, there is a vital need for a national rural
23 behavioral health initiative in order to provide
24 opportunities to rural populations and families who do
25 not have access to appropriate care; and
26 WHEREAS, preliminary planning and work by
27 individuals and organizations in Iowa and in other
28 upper midwestern states have concluded that there is a
29 need for a National Center for Rural and Agricultural
30 Behavioral Health; NOW THEREFORE,

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1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
2 That the United States Congress, together with
3 interested private and public interests, is urged to
4 cooperate at all levels to assist in the planning,
5 funding, and development of a National Center for
6 Rural and Agricultural Behavioral Health to be
7 established in Iowa; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this
9 Resolution be sent to the President of the United
10 States, the United States Secretary of Agriculture,
11 the United States Secretary of Labor, the United
12 States Secretary of Health and Human Services, the
13 President of the Senate of the United States, the
14 Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United
15 States, the Chair of the United States Senate
16 Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, the
17 Chair of the United States House of Representatives
18 Committee on Agriculture, and the members of Iowa's
19 congressional delegation.

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