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1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.

2 BY McCOY

3 A Concurrent Resolution requesting that the legislative
4 council create an interim study committee relating to
5 county consolidation.

6 WHEREAS, Iowa's political subdivision structure,
7 including the creation of ninety-nine counties, was
8 formulated in the nineteenth century; and

9 WHEREAS, at the time Iowa's ninety-nine counties
10 were created, Iowa's transportation and communication
11 infrastructure was not well-developed; and

12 WHEREAS, counties are still viable units of local
13 government that provide invaluable services to their
14 citizens; and

15 WHEREAS, improvements in methods of transportation
16 and means of communication allow for delivery of
17 services by a county to a larger geographical area
18 efficiently and without detriment to citizens; NOW
19 THEREFORE,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF
21 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the legislative
22 council is requested to create a county consolidation
23 interim study committee for the 2003 interim to study
24 the feasibility of requiring counties to consolidate,
25 the criteria by which counties would be required to
26 consolidate, and the methods by which counties would
27 consolidate.

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