

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 52

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3 A Resolution recognizing May 1, 2005, as Law Day.

4 WHEREAS, on May 1, 2005, citizens across the United  
5 States will celebrate Law Day, an opportunity for our  
6 nation to honor the rule of law which has served to  
7 maintain our nation's heritage of liberty, justice,  
8 and equality under the law; and

9 WHEREAS, the theme of Law Day 2005, "The American  
10 Jury: We the People in Action", acknowledges the  
11 importance of the role of juries in the American legal  
12 system; and

13 WHEREAS, one of the principles Americans fought for  
14 in the Revolutionary War was the right to trial by  
15 jury; and

16 WHEREAS, our founding fathers believed that juries  
17 are the cornerstone of democracy and a means for  
18 citizens to resist the tyranny of an unjust  
19 government; and

20 WHEREAS, trial by jury is a right guaranteed by  
21 both the United States and Iowa constitutions; and

22 WHEREAS, each day, juries' decisions profoundly  
23 affect the lives of countless individuals as well as  
24 our society as a whole; NOW THEREFORE,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
26 That the House of Representatives acknowledges the  
27 impact that juries have on government and society and  
28 the importance of educating our fellow citizens about  
29 the significance of jury service; and

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of

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1 Representatives expresses its appreciation to the many  
2 citizens who take time away from their families and  
3 jobs to answer the call for jury service.

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