

House Resolution 130 - Introduced

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1 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. ____
1 2 BY BERRY
1 3 A Resolution recognizing the visit of five distinguished
1 4 women leaders from Nigeria.
1 5 WHEREAS, Iowa has long been a leader in promoting
1 6 the goals of international education and
1 7 cross-cultural learning, and is home to several
1 8 organizations that actively pursue such opportunities
1 9 to share knowledge and understanding; and
1 10 WHEREAS, Iowa also has a rich history of pioneering
1 11 women leaders and was active in the national women's
1 12 suffrage movement and other movements to bring about
1 13 social change; and
1 14 WHEREAS, five women leaders from Nigeria have
1 15 traveled to Iowa as part of a two-year project of the
1 16 United States Department of State called Women in
1 17 Northern Nigeria that organizes cultural exchanges in
1 18 an attempt to answer the question posed by First Lady
1 19 Laura Bush in 2006, "How do we nurture the development
1 20 of the next generation of women leaders in Africa and
1 21 worldwide?"; and
1 22 WHEREAS, in 2007, four women political leaders from
1 23 Iowa traveled to Nigeria, a democracy since 1999, to
1 24 learn about the issues facing Nigerian women as they
1 25 struggle for equality in education, the economy,
1 26 politics, health care delivery, and the social life of
1 27 that country; and
1 28 WHEREAS, Iowans have much to learn about the
1 29 complexity of the global society of which we are a
1 30 part and have much to teach about good governance and
2 1 the involvement of women in education and civic life;
2 2 NOW THEREFORE,
2 3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
2 4 That the House of Representatives welcomes the
2 5 Nigerian women to Iowa and expects that Iowa and
2 6 Nigeria will both benefit from the Women in Northern
2 7 Nigeria cultural exchange in terms of shared
2 8 experiences and ideas between the two nations and that
2 9 their visit can serve as a catalyst for the
2 10 advancement of women who aspire to leadership
2 11 positions in government, business, and other sectors
2 12 of life in Nigeria.
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