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1 1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_  
1 2 BY BOETTGER  
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 SENATE, That the Senate  
2 4 welcomes the Nigerian women to Iowa and expects that  
2 5 Iowa and Nigeria will both benefit from the Women in  
2 6 Northern Nigeria cultural exchange in terms of shared  
2 7 experiences and ideas between the two nations and that  
2 8 their visit can serve as a catalyst for the  
2 9 advancement of women who aspire to leadership  
2 10 positions in government, business, and other sectors  
2 11 of life in Nigeria.  
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