

Senate Resolution 22 - Introduced

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1 1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. ____
1 2 BY HAHN
1 3 A Resolution commemorating the sesquicentennial of the
1 4 Constitution of the State of Iowa.
1 5 WHEREAS, in 1857 a convention was held to draft
1 6 Iowa's third constitution, which is the cornerstone of
1 7 Iowa law to this day; and
1 8 WHEREAS, the new constitution was drafted over 39
1 9 days in February and March 1857, was narrowly approved
1 10 at a referendum in August, and went into effect by
1 11 proclamation of the Governor on September 3, 1857; and
1 12 WHEREAS, the Constitution sets out a "Bill of
1 13 Rights" clearly modeled after the first 10 amendments
1 14 to the United States Constitution and contains an
1 15 explicit separation of powers into legislative,
1 16 executive, and judicial branches; and
1 17 WHEREAS, since that time, Iowa's Constitution has
1 18 been amended 46 times but the basic document still
1 19 remains; it is now one of the older state
1 20 constitutions in the United States still in force; NOW
1 21 THEREFORE,
1 22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate notes
1 23 with pride the sesquicentennial of the Constitution of
1 24 the State of Iowa, the bedrock upon which Iowa
1 25 government and law rests.
1 26 LSB 2324SS 82
1 27 jr:nh/gg/14
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