

House Resolution 113 - Introduced

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 113

BY KAJTAZOVIC

1 A Resolution commemorating July 11th as the anniversary
2 of the Srebrenica genocide.

3 WHEREAS, on July 11, 1995, the eastern Bosnian town
4 of Srebrenica fell to the Bosnian Serb forces; and

5 WHEREAS, during the next several days of carnage
6 more than 8,000 Muslim men and boys were summarily
7 executed by Bosnian Serb forces; and

8 WHEREAS, approximately 20 percent of Srebrenica's
9 total population at the time, at least 7,000 and
10 perhaps thousands more, was either executed or
11 otherwise killed; and

12 WHEREAS, in spite of the enormous efforts made
13 to date to discover and exhume mass and individual
14 graves and identify the bodies of the victims,
15 the searches conducted up until now do not offer a
16 complete reconstruction of the events in and around
17 Srebrenica; and

18 WHEREAS, the massacre at Srebrenica was among the
19 worst of many horrible atrocities to occur in the
20 conflict in Bosnia and Herzegovina, which ultimately
21 led to the displacement of more than 2,000,000 people,
22 with an estimated 200,000 killed; NOW THEREFORE,

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
24 That the House of Representatives commemorates July
25 11th in remembrance of the Srebrenica genocide and
26 urges all Iowans to consider the horror of genocide
27 and to actively support efforts to eliminate this most
28 terrible of crimes.