

Senate Resolution 104 - Introduced

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 104

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1 A Resolution urging the United States Congress to enact
2 the Dream Act of 2017.

3 WHEREAS, on June 15, 2012, the United States
4 Department of Homeland Security announced that it would
5 not deport certain undocumented youth who came to the
6 United States as children and would grant them deferred
7 action on deportation proceedings, known as Deferred
8 Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA); and

9 WHEREAS, according to United States Citizenship
10 and Immigration Services, 7,052 initial or renewed
11 applications have been received from Iowans, and 2,500
12 Iowans have received work authorization and protection
13 from deportation through the DACA program; and

14 WHEREAS, studies show that DACA recipients have
15 made and continue to make significant, positive
16 contributions to their communities and economies by
17 increasing tax revenue for states and localities,
18 starting their own businesses, earning higher wages,
19 participating more fully in the workforce and pursuing
20 educational opportunities that they previously could
21 not access; and

22 WHEREAS, on September 5, 2017, President Donald
23 Trump rescinded the DACA program effective March 5,
24 2018, and urged the United States Congress to enact a
25 legislative solution; and

26 WHEREAS, since President Trump rescinded the
27 DACA program, 122 people lose DACA status every day
28 according to the Center for American Progress; and

1 WHEREAS, the Dream Act of 2017, S. 1615, a
2 bipartisan bill that would provide a direct path to
3 United States citizenship for DACA recipients who
4 qualify has been introduced in the United States
5 Senate, and polls have shown such policies are
6 supported by a majority of Americans; NOW THEREFORE,
7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Iowa Senate
8 respectfully requests that the Iowa congressional
9 delegation work to enact the Dream Act of 2017 and
10 other inclusive, non-enforcement-based legislation that
11 will protect as many immigrants as possible; and
12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the
13 Senate shall distribute copies of this resolution to
14 the members of the Iowa congressional delegation.