

## Senate Resolution 11 - Introduced

### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 11

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1 A Resolution relating to the Executive Order of the  
2 President of the United States titled Protecting the  
3 Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United  
4 States.

5 WHEREAS, since its founding, the United States of  
6 America has been a nation of immigrants; and

7 WHEREAS, throughout its history, the United States  
8 of America has welcomed people seeking refuge from war,  
9 famine, terrorism, and other atrocities occurring in  
10 other nations on every continent; and

11 WHEREAS, Congress passed the federal Displaced  
12 Persons Act of 1948 following World War II to aid in  
13 the settlement of 400,000 displaced persons; and

14 WHEREAS, the United States joined 145 nations  
15 as parties to the 1967 United Nations Protocol on  
16 the Status of Refugees in the United States, and  
17 since 1975, the United States has accepted more than  
18 3,300,000 refugees from the former Soviet Union,  
19 Africa, Asia, Europe, the Middle East, and Latin  
20 America; and

21 WHEREAS, in 1975, Iowa established the Bureau of  
22 Refugee Services in response to the fall of Saigon  
23 during the Vietnam War and Iowa was the first state to  
24 offer resettlement; and

25 WHEREAS, Iowa resettles on average between 650 and  
26 700 refugees every year; and

27 WHEREAS, throughout its history, the United States

1 has benefited from the significant contributions of  
2 immigrants, asylum-seekers, and refugees who have  
3 become scientists, inventors, and entrepreneurs; and

4 WHEREAS, President Donald J. Trump signed the  
5 Executive Order titled Protecting the Nation from  
6 Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States on  
7 January 27, 2017, that will prevent at least 90,000  
8 persons from entering the United States but fails to  
9 exclude the entry of persons from any of the countries  
10 involved in the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks  
11 against the United States; and

12 WHEREAS, the executive order prohibits entry of any  
13 refugees awaiting resettlement in the United States for  
14 120 days, including refugees who had already received  
15 visas; and

16 WHEREAS, the executive order also bars entry by  
17 all Syrian refugees into the United States for an  
18 indefinite period of time, including people who had  
19 already obtained visas; and

20 WHEREAS, since its signing, the executive order  
21 has had a grave impact on individuals, families, and  
22 businesses around the globe; and

23 WHEREAS, individuals and families who hold visas,  
24 green cards, or dual citizenship have been detained,  
25 delayed, or refused entry to the United States since  
26 the executive order took effect; and

27 WHEREAS, those individuals who have been denied  
28 expedient entry into the United States include  
29 individuals who have aided the United States' armed  
30 forces in various theaters of armed conflict, including

1 in Afghanistan and Iraq; and

2 WHEREAS, the executive order has a disproportionate  
3 impact on Muslims; and

4 WHEREAS, the preference of one religion over another  
5 is contrary to the traditions, statutes, and the  
6 Constitution of the United States; and

7 WHEREAS, religious, civic, and business leaders,  
8 including clergy of various faiths and denominations,  
9 leaders of many of America's largest companies, and  
10 elected officials belonging to both major political  
11 parties have publicly expressed strong opposition  
12 to the executive order and its implications; NOW  
13 THEREFORE,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate  
15 rejects all of the provisions contained in the  
16 President's executive order; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate urges  
18 President Donald J. Trump to immediately rescind the  
19 executive order; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this  
21 Resolution be sent to President Donald J. Trump,  
22 Vice President and President of the Senate Michael  
23 Pence, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate  
24 Mitchell McConnell, Jr., the Speaker of the United  
25 States House of Representatives Paul Ryan, Jr., the  
26 Governor of Iowa Terry E. Branstad, and each member of  
27 Iowa's congressional delegation.