HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10
BY COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 199)

A Concurrent Resolution recognizing the importance of multilateral trade agreements to Iowa's economy and urging Congress to enact legislation to implement a multilateral trade agreement between the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

WHEREAS, Iowa is a world leader in agricultural production and industrial manufacturing, and depends on international trade to market its products; and

WHEREAS, Iowa prospers from multilateral trade with Canada and Mexico, its two largest international export markets, which purchase nearly half of the value of Iowa's total exports; and

WHEREAS, a multilateral trade agreement between the United States, Canada, and Mexico will support high-paying jobs for Iowans and build the entire North American economy; and

WHEREAS, a multilateral trade agreement between the United States, Canada, and Mexico should provide safeguards for United States products to create a more level playing field for America's workers, modernize agriculture trade in North America to benefit America's farmers, and establish new protections with respect to United States intellectual property, digital trade, anticorruption, and good regulatory practices; and

WHEREAS, multilateral trade agreements negotiated with bipartisan efforts enjoy overwhelming support from the United States business community and farm
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groups; and

WHEREAS, a multilateral trade agreement between the United States, Canada, and Mexico will reinforce the close relationship we uphold with our neighbors to the north and south; and

WHEREAS, a multilateral trade agreement between the United States, Canada, and Mexico must be ratified by all three governments before it can come into effect, including a congressional vote on legislation to implement the multilateral trade agreement; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the Iowa General Assembly recognizes that a multilateral trade agreement between the United States, Canada, and Mexico will strengthen Iowa's economy and benefit Iowa's farmers and workers, and urges Congress to enact legislation to implement such a multilateral trade agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Concurrent Resolution be distributed to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and each member of Iowa's congressional delegation.