

House Resolution 5 - Introduced

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 5

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1 A Resolution regarding foundational principles of the
2 American form of government.

3 WHEREAS, each General Assembly convenes with
4 many members who are new legislators, it is fitting
5 and proper that, in addition to the oath of office,
6 certain foundational principles of the American form of
7 government be acknowledged; and

8 WHEREAS, the members of the 90th General Assembly
9 do hereby acknowledge the Declaration of Independence
10 which gave birth to the United States of America, and
11 recognize that the laws of nature and nature's God are
12 the foundation for unalienable rights and the purpose
13 of government is to secure these rights; and

14 WHEREAS, the members of the 90th General Assembly
15 do hereby acknowledge the United States Constitution
16 as the supreme law of the land within the limits which
17 the Constitution itself imposes, and, the powers not
18 delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor
19 prohibited to it to the states, are reserved to the
20 states respectively, or to the people; and

21 WHEREAS, the members of the 90th General Assembly
22 do hereby acknowledge the Constitution of the State
23 of Iowa, and express gratitude to the Supreme Being
24 for the blessings hitherto enjoyed and acknowledge
25 continued reliance upon Him for future blessings; and

1 WHEREAS, the members of the 90th General Assembly
2 acknowledge that all men and women are, by nature,
3 free and equal, and have certain inalienable rights,
4 which include enjoying and defending life and liberty;
5 acquiring, possessing, and protecting property; and
6 pursuing and obtaining safety and happiness; and

7 WHEREAS, the members of the 90th General
8 Assembly acknowledge that the United States of
9 America is a republic and, as such, functions
10 through a representative form of government wherein
11 representatives selected by the people conduct
12 government's business according to the rule of law; NOW
13 THEREFORE,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
15 That the members of the 90th General Assembly, as
16 representatives selected by the people of Iowa in a
17 free republic, do hereby resolve to operate with all
18 due respect to the laws of nature, the laws of the
19 United States, and the laws of the State of Iowa.