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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A Joint Resolution relating to the placement of a statue in the  
2 United States capitol honoring Governor Robert D. Ray, and  
3 making appropriations.

4 WHEREAS, each state may provide two statues of notable  
5 citizens for display in the United States capitol, and may  
6 replace the statues if a resolution to do so is approved by a  
7 state's legislature and governor; and

8 WHEREAS, Governor Robert Dolph Ray was born September 26,  
9 1928, in Des Moines, grew up in the heart of the Drake  
10 neighborhood, and attended Roosevelt high school; and

11 WHEREAS, Governor Ray spent two years in Japan as a member  
12 of the United States army during World War II and earned a  
13 bachelor's degree on the G.I. Bill and then a law degree from  
14 Drake university; and

15 WHEREAS, Governor Ray was elected as the thirty-eighth  
16 governor of Iowa and served with bipartisan support for fourteen  
17 years; and

18 WHEREAS, Governor Ray was a trailblazer on multiple fronts,  
19 from establishing the commission on the status of women and the  
20 Iowa department of transportation to eliminating the sales tax on  
21 groceries and prescription drugs; and

22 WHEREAS, the Iowa burials protection Act of 1976, championed  
23 by Governor Ray, was the first state statute that protected  
24 American Indian remains and was a predecessor to the federal  
25 Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act; and

26 WHEREAS, Governor Ray set a high-water mark for the generosity  
27 of states in creating Iowa's refugee resettlement program which

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1 welcomed thousands of Southeast Asian refugees after the end of  
2 the Vietnam Conflict; and

3 WHEREAS, Governor Ray's commitment to public service continued  
4 in his roles as interim mayor of Des Moines in 1997 and as  
5 president of Drake university in 1998; and

6 WHEREAS, Governor Ray's commitment to civility and moral  
7 leadership led to the creation of the institute for character  
8 development at Drake university's Robert D. and Billie Ray  
9 Center; NOW THEREFORE,

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. REPLACEMENT AUTHORIZATION. The state of Iowa  
2 authorizes the replacement of the statue of Samuel J. Kirkwood  
3 with a statue honoring Governor Robert D. Ray.

4 Sec. 2. COMMITTEE CREATED. A committee of seven is created,  
5 to be appointed by the governor and to serve at the pleasure  
6 of the governor, to exchange the statue of Samuel J. Kirkwood  
7 currently on display in the United States capitol with a statue  
8 of Governor Ray.

9 1. The committee shall select its own chairperson and  
10 establish its rules of procedure. The committee shall meet as  
11 may be deemed necessary by the chairperson. A majority of the  
12 members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

13 2. Members shall serve without compensation or reimbursement  
14 for actual expenses.

15 3. The committee shall raise all of the moneys necessary for  
16 the operation of the committee; and shall solicit donations to  
17 exchange the statue, commission the creation of a new statue,  
18 transport the replaced statue to the Iowa capitol building, and  
19 make all arrangements with the architect of the United States  
20 capitol necessary for the new statue to be put into place.

21 Sec. 3. ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT. The Iowa economic  
22 development authority shall provide all necessary administrative  
23 support for the committee and shall administer the capitol  
24 statutory fund created in this resolution.

25 Sec. 4. CAPITOL STATUARY FUND. A capitol statutory fund is  
26 created in the state treasury, to be administered by the  
27 Iowa economic development authority. Moneys in the fund are  
28 appropriated to the authority for the purposes specified in  
29 section 2 of this resolution. Any moneys remaining after  
30 the exchange of statues shall be used to suitably restore  
31 and relocate the Kirkwood statue. The authority may accept  
32 gifts, grants, bequests, and other moneys, including but not  
33 limited to state or federal moneys and in-kind contributions for  
34 deposit in the fund. Notwithstanding section 12C.7, interest or  
35 earnings on moneys in the fund shall be credited to the fund.

1 Notwithstanding section 8.33, any unexpended or unencumbered  
2 moneys remaining in the fund shall not revert but shall remain  
3 available for expenditure by the authority in succeeding fiscal  
4 years for the purposes specified in section 2 of this resolution.

5 Sec. 5. DISPLAY OF REPLACED STATUE. The department of  
6 administrative services shall provide for a perpetual display  
7 of the replaced statue at a suitable location within the Iowa  
8 capitol building.

9 EXPLANATION

10 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
11 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

12 This joint resolution relates to the display of a statue of  
13 former governor Robert D. Ray in the United States capitol. The  
14 joint resolution requests that the statue of Samuel J. Kirkwood  
15 currently on display in the United States capitol be replaced  
16 with a statue of former governor Robert D. Ray. The joint  
17 resolution creates a seven-member committee, appointed by the  
18 governor, to raise, through donations, all moneys necessary to  
19 make this exchange. Administrative support for the committee  
20 shall be provided by the Iowa economic development authority.

21 The joint resolution creates a capitol statuary fund in the  
22 state treasury, administered by the Iowa economic development  
23 authority. The fund will be used to finance committee  
24 operations, the exchange of the statuary, and the relocation  
25 of the Kirkwood statue. The joint resolution requires the  
26 department of administrative services to provide for the  
27 perpetual display of the Kirkwood statue at a suitable location  
28 within the Iowa capitol building.