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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 2010
BY COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SJR 2007)

(As Amended and Passed by the Senate March 9, 2026)

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A Joint Resolution designating the American cream draft horse as
2 the official state horse of the State of Iowa.

3 WHEREAS, the American cream draft horse is the only draft
4 horse breed native to the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, the American cream draft horse is a breed that
6 traces its bloodline back to a mare named "Old Granny", which is
7 believed to have been foaled in Iowa around the turn of the last
8 century, first appearing in records from a farm sale in rural
9 Hamilton county, Iowa, in 1911; and

10 WHEREAS, the breed was recognized by the Iowa department
11 of agriculture in 1950, based on a 1948 recommendation by the
12 national stallion enrollment board; and

13 WHEREAS, in 1944, the American cream horse association of
14 America was chartered by Mr. C.T. Rierson, and his assistant
15 Mrs. Karene (Bunker) Topp, of Radcliffe, Iowa, the culmination of
16 almost 40 years of interest in creating a new breed of American
17 draft horse; and

18 WHEREAS, in 1993, members of the organization voted to amend
19 the organization's articles of incorporation to change its name
20 to the American cream draft horse association; and

21 WHEREAS, the American cream draft horse is immediately
22 identifiable by its cream coat, pink skin, and amber-colored
23 eyes, specific traits of the famous champagne dilution gene; and

24 WHEREAS, in 1990, genetic testing found that, compared with
25 other draft breeds and based upon gene marker data, the American
26 cream draft horse formed a distinct group within the draft
27 horses; and

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1 WHEREAS, the breed is closely associated with Iowa's
2 farming heritage — having a wide chest; sloping shoulders;
3 a short, strong back; well-muscled hindquarters with strong,
4 well-proportioned legs set well apart; strong hooves; and a
5 gentle disposition; NOW THEREFORE,
6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. STATE HORSE DESIGNATED. The American cream draft
2 horse is designated and shall be officially known as the state
3 horse of Iowa.

4 Sec. 2. APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATIONS. The state historical
5 society shall cooperate with the American cream draft
6 horse association to obtain appropriate pictures and other
7 representations of the American cream draft horse and shall
8 display the pictures and representations in an appropriate place
9 in the state historical museum.

10 Sec. 3. OFFICIAL REGISTER. The editor of the Iowa official
11 register shall cooperate with the American cream draft horse
12 association to include an appropriate picture and commentary of
13 the American cream draft horse in the Iowa official register
14 along with the pictures of the state rock, state flower, state
15 bird, and state tree.

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