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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  
2 as 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  
7 is believed to have been foaled in Iowa around the turn of the  
8 last century, first appearing in records from a farm sale in  
9 rural 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  
16 of almost 40 years of interest in creating a new breed of  
17 American 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  
24 gene; and

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

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28 draft horses; and

29 WHEREAS, the breed is closely associated with Iowa's  
30 farming heritage — having a wide chest; sloping shoulders;  
31 a short, strong back; well-muscled hindquarters with strong,  
32 well-proportioned legs set well apart; strong hooves; and a  
33 gentle disposition; NOW THEREFORE,

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

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  
9 place 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.