SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 2010
BY COMMITTEE ON STATE
GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SJR 2007)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, in 1990, genetic testing found that, compared with other draft breeds and based upon gene marker data, the

American cream draft horse formed a distinct group within the draft horses; and

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

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

S.J.R. 2010

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

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

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