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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 8

2 BY FORD and RAECKER

3 A Resolution encouraging the state board of regents to
4 establish a task force to develop a model athlete
5 recruitment policy and to review college
6 student-athlete graduation rates at the universities
7 under its control.

8 WHEREAS, college student-athletes must balance
9 their endeavors between academics and athletic
10 competition, making success in both challenging; and

11 WHEREAS, there is a significant gap between the
12 graduation rates of African-American student-athletes
13 and white student-athletes; and

14 WHEREAS, the national collegiate athletic
15 association tracks student-athlete graduation rates at
16 its member colleges and universities and promotes the
17 long-term importance of enrolling in and competing at
18 an institution with high student-athlete graduation
19 rates; and

20 WHEREAS, the state of Iowa values its student-
21 athletes and demands excellence in both academic
22 achievement and athletic competition; and

23 WHEREAS, Iowa state university, the university of
24 Iowa, and the university of northern Iowa enjoy
25 success in recruiting student-athletes in this state
26 and throughout the nation and have a stake in ensuring
27 continued success; NOW THEREFORE,

28 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
29 That the state board of regents is encouraged to
30 establish a task force to review college student-

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1 athlete graduation rates at the institutions of higher
2 education under the control of the state board of
3 regents, make recommendations on ways to improve
4 student-athlete graduation rates, and develop a model
5 athlete recruitment policy that at a minimum
6 establishes strong, clear standards and behavioral
7 expectations for recruiting visits. The task force
8 shall consider the disparities that exist in the
9 graduation rates of the various subgroups of student-
10 athletes. The task force is also encouraged to review
11 the current policies and practices at the institutions
12 to determine whether best practices are being used to
13 promote academic excellence.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the state board of
15 regents submit the task force's findings and
16 recommendations in a report to the general assembly by
17 January 15, 2006.

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