

1 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4
 2 BY MASCHER, MYERS, FOEGE, and LENSING
 3 (COMPANION TO LSB 1471SS BY DVORSKY)

4 A Concurrent Resolution urging the Governor to
 5 appoint a commission to develop design proposals
 6 for Iowa's participation in the United States Mint's
 7 50 state quarters program and to direct the commission
 8 to develop designs incorporating the Old Capitol as a
 9 symbol for the state.

10 WHEREAS, the United States Mint has implemented a
 11 program in accordance with Public Law No. 105-124, to
 12 commemorate each of the 50 states in the order in
 13 which the states ratified the United States
 14 Constitution and joined the Union; and

15 WHEREAS, for the 10-year period 1999 through 2008,
 16 the United States will annually issue five quarter
 17 dollar coins with state designs displayed on the
 18 reverse side of the coins; and

19 WHEREAS, each state has an opportunity to develop
 20 and submit designs representative of the state; and

21 WHEREAS, quarter dollar coins have a commercial
 22 lifespan of at least 30 years and are collected for
 23 generations, providing an opportunity for wide
 24 distribution of an enduring symbol of this state; and

25 WHEREAS, the cornerstone for the Old Capitol
 26 building located in Iowa City was laid in 1840 and the
 27 building served as the Iowa Territory Capitol from
 28 1842-1846, as the original capitol upon Iowa achieving
 29 statehood in 1846 and continuing until 1857, and as an
 30 important building of the State University of Iowa

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1 from 1857 until the present time; and

2 WHEREAS, the Old Capitol is the location where the
3 original Constitution of the State of Iowa was
4 approved, and its importance in the history of the
5 state was recognized with designation by the United
6 States Department of the Interior as a National
7 Historic Landmark during the nation's bicentennial in
8 1976; and

9 WHEREAS, the Old Capitol is widely acknowledged as
10 a symbol for the State of Iowa and was displayed as
11 this state's symbol on the half-dollar coin issued to
12 commemorate Iowa's centennial in 1946; and

13 WHEREAS, Iowa entered the Union as the twenty-ninth
14 state on December 28, 1846, and the quarter dollar
15 honoring the State of Iowa will be issued in 2004; and

16 WHEREAS, the Governor will be contacted no later
17 than 2002 concerning Iowa's design submission; NOW
18 THEREFORE,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE
20 SENATE CONCURRING, That the Governor is urged to
21 appoint a special commission charged with developing
22 designs to submit to the United States Mint for the
23 Iowa quarter dollar; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the commission be
25 directed to develop designs incorporating the Old
26 Capitol as the symbol for the state.

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