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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 122

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A Concurrent Resolution requesting the Supreme Court to implement a review and development of options to improve performance of guardian ad litem duties.

WHEREAS, guardians ad litem have an important role in protecting the best interest of a child in need of assistance, a child involved in a delinquency proceeding, or a child involved in another proceeding under the juvenile justice code; and

WHEREAS, it has been suggested that the delivery of guardian ad litem services can be improved; NOW

THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the Supreme Court is requested to direct the Iowa Court Improvement Project to review and develop options to improve performance of guardian ad litem duties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the review should consider other appropriate entities that may perform the duties of a guardian ad litem and examine the benefits and limitations of the particular options and entities considered and identify any associated costs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That as part of considering other appropriate entities, the improvement project should also examine the satisfaction of children, parents, foster parents, and others with the Court Appointed Special Advocate Program volunteers serving as guardians ad litem in Buena Vista, Cherokee,

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1 Monona, Plymouth, and Woodbury counties; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That other options

3 considered in the review should include raising

4 guardian ad litem payment amounts and enforcing the

5 fulfillment of the legal responsibilities of guardians

6 ad litem by creating consequences for guardians ad

7 litem who do not fulfill the responsibilities; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the project's report,

9 including findings and recommendations, should be

10 reported to the Supreme Court, the Governor, and the

11 General Assembly on or before December 16, 2002.

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