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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 132

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A Resolution requesting Iowa's congressional delegation
to work to permanently repeal the federal death tax.

WHEREAS, under federal tax relief legislation
passed in 2001, the death tax was temporarily phased
out, not permanently eliminated; and

WHEREAS, women and minorities are very often owners
of small and medium-sized businesses, and the death
tax prevents their children from reaping the rewards
of a lifetime trying to make a better life; and

WHEREAS, farmers will face losing their farms if
the federal government resumes the heavy taxation of
the estates of people who invested most of their
earnings back into their farms; and

WHEREAS, employees suffer when they lose their jobs
because many small and medium-sized businesses are
liquidated to pay death taxes and because high capital
costs depress the number of new businesses that could
offer them a job; and

WHEREAS, it has been estimated that if the federal
estate tax had been repealed in 1996, over the next
nine years the United States economy would have
averaged as much as \$11 billion per year in extra
output, and an average of one hundred forty-five
thousand additional new jobs would have been created;
and

WHEREAS, the persistent uncertainty created by the
federal sunset provision prevents families and small
businesses from taking advantage of the repeal; and

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1 WHEREAS, having passed both the United States House
2 of Representatives and the United States Senate,
3 elimination of the death tax has proven to hold wide
4 bipartisan support; NOW THEREFORE,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
6 That the Iowa House of Representatives requests Iowa's
7 elected representatives in the United States Congress
8 to support, work to pass, and vote for the permanent
9 repeal of the death tax.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
11 Resolution be sent to the members of Iowa's
12 congressional delegation.

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