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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 20

BY VEENSTRA

A Resolution designating May 1, 2001, as statewide Prayer Day.

WHEREAS, a "Prayer Day" was first proclaimed by the Continental Congress in 1775; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we in the state of Iowa observe a day when we acknowledge our many blessings and express gratitude to God while recognizing the need to strengthen the religious and moral values in our land; and

WHEREAS, the national association for prayer promotes a statewide "Prayer Day" in Iowa to bring peace, unity, and healing to our people; and

WHEREAS, a number of states across America will recognize the power of prayer by participating in bringing people together to pray for our schools, cities, states, and nation; and

WHEREAS, students at all levels of education should be encouraged to begin their school day with the pledge of allegiance, to begin the school day on a positive note and reintroduce a worthy patriotic program forgotten by many, and instill some traditional values and morals, which are much needed in this society; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That May 1, 2001, be designated as "Iowa Prayer Day" and all citizens are urged to reflect on the role of prayer as a fundamental part of the nation's heritage and that, in seeking divine guidance, there is unifying power for

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