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SENATE RESOLUTION NO.

BY COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

A Resolution advising legislative service bureau of the reasons for the Senate's rejection of Senate File 540.

WHEREAS, Joint Rule 24.1 requires that if either house rejects a redistricting plan submitted by the legislative service bureau that house shall convey the reasons for such rejection to the legislative service bureau by resolution; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate requests that the next plan drafted by the legislative service bureau improve the population deviations to more nearly represent the ideal of "one person, one vote"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Iowa Code section 42.4(4) entitled "Redistricting Standards" states, "It is preferable that districts be compact in form, but the standards established by subsections 1, 2 and 3 take precedence over compactness where a conflict arises between compactness and these standards." Iowa Code section 42.4(1), (2), and (3) state the preferred standards are population equalities, contiguous territories, and district boundaries coinciding with political subdivisions. Additionally, courts have consistently held that lower population deviations from the ideal population should take precedence over perceived compactness of the districts. Therefore, the next plan should more closely follow those guidelines; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate requests a

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1 plan that at a minimum matches, or improves upon, the
2 population deviation in our current Congressional and
3 legislative districts; and,

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That in addition, the
5 Senate requests the legislative service bureau in the
6 next plan, strive to develop Congressional and
7 legislative districts that reflect urban and rural
8 interests in our state. Plan #1 regionalized Iowa at
9 the Congressional level. The districts that are
10 included in Plan #2 should better reflect the
11 convenient, contiguous territory of our state.

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