

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8

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A Concurrent Resolution urging the United States Congress to appropriate funding for the Historic Barn Preservation Act.

WHEREAS, historic preservation provides opportunities to rapidly employ persons in diverse areas of the economy; revitalize neighborhoods, communities, and rural areas; entice nationwide private capital investment; and foster heritage tourism; and

WHEREAS, the family farm is the foundation of rural America and the barn is an integral part of these family farms; and

WHEREAS, historic barns are becoming national treasures and rehabilitating and repairing historic barns as necessary, to preserve the barns' functionality and to preserve the rural landscape, provides benefits to farmers, as well as to the communities and economic vitality of the areas in which the barns are located; and

WHEREAS, Governor Tom Vilsack has proclaimed 2005 as the "Year of the Barn and the Family Farm" to celebrate our agricultural heritage as well as recognize the need to document our historic barns; and

WHEREAS, Congress acted in 2002 to establish a Historic Barn Preservation Program; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the Iowa General Assembly urges the appropriations committees of the United

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1 States Senate and the House of Representatives to  
2 appropriate such funds as necessary to implement the  
3 Historic Barn Preservation Act in the federal fiscal  
4 year 2005-2006; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this  
6 resolution be prepared and sent to the Iowa  
7 congressional delegation, the United States Senate,  
8 and the United States House of Representatives; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this  
10 resolution be prepared and sent to the Honorable  
11 Senator Thad Cochran, Chair of the United States  
12 Senate Committee on Appropriations, and to the  
13 Honorable Congressman Jerry Lewis, Chair of the United  
14 States House of Representatives Committee on  
15 Appropriations.

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