

1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 10

2 BY BEALL, BOETTGER, BLACK, FRAISE, JOHNSON, and  
3 TINSMAN

4 A Resolution recognizing the importance of citizen  
5 diplomacy.

6 WHEREAS, citizen diplomacy is exemplified by the  
7 participation of unofficial ambassadors in a range of  
8 activities, such as youth, educational, cultural,  
9 professional, and institutional exchanges, that bring  
10 people together across national boundaries to  
11 cultivate ideas that promote living in harmony with  
12 one another; and

13 WHEREAS, Americans involved in citizen diplomacy  
14 supplement diplomacy by public officials in a critical  
15 way by providing an effective opportunity for outreach  
16 to and interaction with the world that enables  
17 Americans to understand the rest of the world and the  
18 rest of the world to understand America; and

19 WHEREAS, the international social, economic, and  
20 political circumstances of the 21st century, including  
21 national and global security, demand citizen diplomacy  
22 to a far greater extent than currently exists to  
23 replace misunderstanding and misperception with mutual  
24 understanding and respect; and

25 WHEREAS, the Coalition for Citizen Diplomacy  
26 emerged from the work of the leaders of national  
27 organizations involved in international exchange,  
28 training, and education to amplify the collective  
29 voice of citizen diplomats and to increase the  
30 visibility and effectiveness of citizen diplomacy; and

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1 WHEREAS, the Coalition for Citizen Diplomacy is  
2 engaged in a nationwide campaign that will culminate  
3 in a White House Summit on Citizen Diplomacy in July  
4 2006, following 50 local and statewide conferences on  
5 citizen diplomacy throughout the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, Iowa will be involved in one of these  
7 conferences in April 2005 to bring together community  
8 leaders who are committed to citizen diplomacy to  
9 develop a set of proposed actions to submit in a  
10 report for the White House Summit; and

11 WHEREAS, an initial proposed action involves the  
12 establishment of a United States International Center  
13 for Citizen Diplomacy in Iowa; NOW THEREFORE,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate  
15 supports the work of the Coalition for Citizen  
16 Diplomacy, the upcoming statewide conference on  
17 citizen diplomacy, and the White House Summit; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate supports  
19 the involvement of the International Relations  
20 Committee of the Legislative Council in these efforts;  
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate supports  
23 inclusion in the state's action plan to be submitted  
24 for the White House Summit, the idea of establishing a  
25 United States International Center for Citizen  
26 Diplomacy in the state of Iowa to provide a nationally  
27 centralized base for the active engagement of  
28 individuals in citizen diplomacy.

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