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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 51

BY MILLER and KREIMAN

A Resolution recognizing May 1, 2005, as Law Day.

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2005, citizens across the United States will celebrate Law Day, an opportunity for our nation to honor the rule of law which has served to maintain our nation's heritage of liberty, justice, and equality under the law; and

WHEREAS, the theme of Law Day 2005, "The American Jury: We the People in Action", acknowledges the importance of the role of juries in the American legal system; and

WHEREAS, one of the principles Americans fought for in the Revolutionary War was the right to trial by jury; and

WHEREAS, our founding fathers believed that juries are the cornerstone of democracy and a means for citizens to resist the tyranny of an unjust government; and

WHEREAS, trial by jury is a right guaranteed by both the United States and Iowa constitutions; and

WHEREAS, each day, juries' decisions profoundly affect the lives of countless individuals as well as our society as a whole; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate acknowledges the impact that juries have on government and society and the importance of educating our fellow citizens about the significance of jury service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate expresses its appreciation to the many citizens who take time

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1 away from their families and jobs to answer the call  
2 for jury service.

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