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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 122

BY JOHNSON and FRAISE

A Resolution supporting the proposal of Iowa State University to pursue the location of the national bio and agro-defense facility at the site of the current National Center for Animal Health in Ames, Iowa.

WHEREAS, the security of Iowa and the United States depends on an integrated national bio and agro-defense strategy; and

WHEREAS, the federal Department of Homeland Security has determined an urgent need exists for a new integrated research infrastructure to provide research, development, testing, and evaluation that will enhance agricultural and public health; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security has proposed construction of a national bio and agro-defense facility which will be an integrated human, foreign animal, and zoonotic disease research and testing facility to support the complementary missions of the Department of Homeland Security, the United States Department of Health and Human Services, and the United States Department of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the state of Iowa is a leading state in livestock production, a multibillion dollar industry of critical importance to the state's economy; and

WHEREAS, the state of Iowa is already the location of several research assets of great importance to this new national effort, including the National Center for Animal Health, the National Animal Disease Center, the

1 National Veterinary Services Laboratory, the Center
2 for Veterinary Biologics, Iowa State University
3 College of Agriculture, Iowa State University College
4 of Veterinary Medicine, the University of Iowa College
5 of Medicine, the University of Iowa College of Public
6 Health, the Iowa Hygienic Laboratory, and University
7 of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics; and

8 WHEREAS, these assets include state-of-the-art
9 facilities and laboratories which could greatly
10 enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of a national
11 bio and agro-defense facility; and

12 WHEREAS, the current site of the National Center
13 for Animal Health in Ames, Iowa, is undergoing a \$460
14 million remodernization and has a large number of
15 scientists and support staff for potential
16 collaborations, making the Ames location an ideal
17 choice for effective and efficient implementation of
18 an integrated bio and agro-defense facility; and

19 WHEREAS, Iowa State University of Science and
20 Technology intends to submit a proposal to the
21 Department of Homeland Security for the construction
22 and operation of the national bio and agro-defense
23 facility in Ames; and

24 WHEREAS, the Iowa State University proposal will
25 consist of a consortium of academic institutions and
26 industry, commodity, and professional organizations
27 from across the nation that brings together the
28 necessary research and development expertise to
29 address these high-consequence human, foreign animal,
30 and zoonotic pathogens; NOW THEREFORE,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate
2 supports the proposal of Iowa State University to
3 pursue the location of the national bio and agro-
4 defense facility at the site of the current National
5 Center for Animal Health in Ames.

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