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A RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 2012 AS OPPORTUNITY IN IOWA MONTH.

WHEREAS, Iowans are keenly aware of the challenges facing our state and country in regards to economic mobility and the ability of Americans to reach the American dream; and

WHEREAS, Iowa's history is steeped in successful stories of both individual and collective economic achievements; and

WHEREAS, our State's motto "Our Liberties We Prize and Our Rights We Will Maintain" reflects our belief that the American values of loyalty, justice, truth, courage, and success for all are undeniable virtues of our state heritage; and

WHEREAS, generations of Iowans have invested their blood, sweat, and tears to provide for their friends, families, and neighbors, so much so that their collective efforts are often referred to as the "Iowa Work Ethic"; and

WHEREAS, Opportunity Nation, a national bipartisan initiative, is working to build a national dialogue on opportunity as a core American value that desperately needs to be injected into the public conversation; and

WHEREAS, Opportunity Nation believes that through commitment, intelligence, and partnership, we can reenergize this public value in American discourse as a vital national goal; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly recognizes that opportunity is a cherished value held by all Iowans; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That the House of Representatives recognizes the month of February 2012 as Opportunity in Iowa Month and encourages Iowans and all public and private organizations to conduct events or activities with the theme of "Opportunity in Iowa".