

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1001

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Honoring the historical, political, cultural, social, and economic relationships among Canada, the United States, and the State of South Dakota, and recognizing January 24, 2011, as Canada Day at the Capitol.

WHEREAS, Canada and the United States share a rich and vibrant history of democratic governments, North American borders, military and security partnerships and alliances, significant cultural, academic, and tourism ties, and deeply integrated and empowered trade and financial relationships; and

WHEREAS, Canada and the State of South Dakota have a strong and durable relationship based upon history, language, trade, energy development, and diverse cultural and economic ties; and

WHEREAS, Canada is the United States' largest trading partner, with \$392 billion in goods traded between our two nations in 2009, and more than eight million United States jobs supported by that trade; and

WHEREAS, Canada is the leading trading partner for the State of South Dakota, with a combined \$687 million in goods trade with our nation's northern neighbor in 2009, and nearly 24,600 South Dakota jobs supported by that trade; and

WHEREAS, the people of South Dakota and Canada continue to enjoy our mutual hospitality, with a combined 158,200 tourist visits between the two, and \$58 million spent during those visits; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Martin Loken, Consul General for Canada in Minneapolis, Minnesota, whose regional jurisdiction includes the State of South Dakota, is visiting the State Capitol in Pierre, South Dakota, as an honored guest on January 24, 2011, bringing greetings from his nation; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Consul General Martin Loken is hosting a reception on the evening of January 24, 2011, to celebrate the relationship between the State of South Dakota and the nation of Canada:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Eighty-sixth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislature wishes

to acknowledge the long and rich history of friendship and trade between the State of South Dakota and the neighboring nation of Canada, and to recognize the visit of Consul General Loken, with deep appreciation for his keen interest in fostering close ties between Canada and the State of South Dakota, by proclaiming the 24th day of January, 2011, CANADA DAY AT THE SOUTH DAKOTA STATE CAPITOL.

Adopted by the House of Representatives,  
Concurred in by the Senate,

January 24, 2011  
January 26, 2011

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Secretary of the Senate