

State of South Dakota

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. **1001**

Introduced by: Representatives Nelson, Bartling, Campbell, Hansen, Hawks, Heinert, Hoffman, Kaiser, Magstadt, May, Olson (Betty), Otten (Herman), Qualm, Schaefer, Schoenfish, Schrempp, Stalzer, Tulson, Tyler, and Verchio and Senators Van Gerpen, Bradford, Frerichs, Jensen, Kirkeby, Lederman, Lucas, Maher, Omdahl, Otten (Ernie), Rhoden, and Welke

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, in opposition to certain actions by animal rights groups to
2 undermine agricultural producers.

3 WHEREAS, South Dakota's rich history is primarily based on agriculture and agricultural
4 products; and

5 WHEREAS, South Dakota's economy is largely based on agricultural goods and services;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, agriculture has a twenty-one billion dollar impact on our state economy; and

8 WHEREAS, our rural heritage and future well-being depend primarily on a strong
9 agricultural base; and

10 WHEREAS, animal agriculture is a critical component of South Dakota's economy and
11 agricultural infrastructure; and

12 WHEREAS, farmers and ranchers understand the importance of humane treatment and care
13 of all farm animals; and



1 WHEREAS, misleading information has negatively impacted the agriculture industry; and

2 WHEREAS, extreme animal rights organizations pose a significant risk to agricultural

3 producers and the agricultural community in South Dakota and in the nation as a whole:

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Eighty-

5 Eighth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, opposes any

6 attempt for any ballot initiative or acts by the Humane Society of the United States, People for

7 the Ethical Treatment of Animals, and other animal rights groups that would undermine the

8 livelihood of agricultural producers.