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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1002

Introduced by: Representatives Kirschman, Blake, Dennert, Fargen, Gibson, Haggar, Hawley, Hickey, Hoffman, Hunhoff (Bernie), Jones, Kloucek, Lucas, Schaefer, Schrempp, Sigdestad, Street, Willadsen, and Wismer and Senators Bradford, Frerichs, Schlekeway, Sutton, and Tidemann

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Urging Congress and the South Dakota congressional
2 delegation to support federal legislation to protect the United States Postal Service.

3 WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service is the oldest and most trusted government
4 service that binds the nation together, promotes commerce, and enables the exchange of
5 information to promote democracy; and

6 WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service is entirely supported by the sale of postage and
7 services, receiving no tax payer funding, and remains the least expensive, most efficient postal
8 system in the world; and

9 WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service provides good paying middle class jobs, across
10 the nation and in South Dakota, of which twenty percent are filled by veterans; and

11 WHEREAS, the current economic problems of the United States Postal Service were caused
12 by federal legislation requiring only the postal service to prefund all retiree health benefit costs
13 for the next seventy-five years in just ten years; and

14 WHEREAS, the Office of Inspector General has determined that the United States Postal



1 Service has overpaid into both of its federal retirement programs by billions of dollars; and

2 WHEREAS, without this congressional mandate the United States Postal Service has made
3 a profit of six hundred eleven million dollars over the last four years even in a historically bad
4 recession:

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Eighty-
6 seventh Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the South
7 Dakota State Legislature supports federal legislation in the form of S.1853 and H.R.3591 to
8 remove congressionally imposed dates not required of other government agencies or private
9 companies and urges our Congressional delegation to support such legislation; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the South Dakota State Legislature supports corrective
11 action on a federal level that allows continuation of six day delivery and prevents the closing
12 of rural post offices and postal processing centers which will result in diminished service,
13 delayed delivery to our rural communities, and the loss of hundreds of jobs in the state and
14 thousands of jobs across the nation.