## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Supporting and encouraging the continued evaluation of the Native American achievement school program at Todd County Middle School.

WHEREAS, the Native American achievement school program at Todd County Middle School is funded through the Native American achievement school grant program established by § 13-14-16; and

WHEREAS, the program is designed to lead to postsecondary education readiness and work readiness; and

WHEREAS, the program supports the recruitment and retention of highly effective teachers and administrators; and

WHEREAS, the program demonstrates commitment to the implementation of the Oceti Sakowin Essential Understandings and Standards across the curriculum and the implementation of courses offering instruction in Dakota, Lakota, or Nakota languages; and

WHEREAS, the program maintains a school environment that cultivates diversity of the student population and promotes a sense of belonging; and

WHEREAS, this program forms partnerships with community organizations or governmental entities and plans for sustainability; and

WHEREAS, Todd County Middle School has seen tremendous improvement and success in their students since receiving a Native American achievement school grant:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Ninety-Third Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the South Dakota Legislature supports and encourages continued evaluation of the Native American achievement school program at Todd County Middle School.

February 26, 2018 March 6, 2018

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