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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13

Introduced by: Senators Foster, Cronin, Ewing, Heinert, Kennedy, Langer, Nelson, Nesiba, Novstrup, Stalzer, Sutton, Wismer, and Youngberg and Representatives Borglum, Bordeaux, Gosch, Healy, Lesmeister, McCleerey, Pourier, Ring, Schoenfish, Smith (Jamie), and Wiese

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Recognizing the "Know Before You Fly" campaign as an
2 official source of safety education for operators of unmanned aircraft systems and
3 instructing the Department of Public Safety to educate the public about the campaign.

4 WHEREAS, the safe integration of unmanned aircraft systems into the National Airspace
5 System promises to drive new economic development and consumer choice, promote more
6 responsible stewardship of natural resources, facilitate more effective emergency response and
7 disaster recovery, economize agricultural operations, and improve the efficiency and security
8 of energy, transportation, and communications networks; and

9 WHEREAS, direct operation of unmanned aircraft systems, for both commercial and
10 non-commercial use, is growing rapidly, with more than one million aircraft already registered;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, according to a study conducted by the Association for Unmanned Vehicle
13 Systems International, the development and adoption of services provided by unmanned aircraft
14 systems is expected to generate eighty billion dollars of new economic activity and create more



1 than one hundred thousand new jobs in the United States by 2025; and

2 WHEREAS, the safe operation of unmanned aircraft systems, both for non-commercial and
3 commercial purposes, is necessary for continued innovation, economic activity, and public
4 benefit; and

5 WHEREAS, prospective operators of unmanned aircraft systems must understand and abide
6 by relevant requirements and limitations to ensure the safe operation of such systems; and

7 WHEREAS, the regulatory framework for unmanned aircraft systems continues to develop,
8 including the Federal Aviation Administration taking steps to integrate unmanned aircraft
9 systems into the National Air Space and issuance of operational requirements for small
10 unmanned aircraft systems operations in the National Air Space; and

11 WHEREAS, easily accessible and freely available information regarding current guidance
12 for safe and responsible unmanned aircraft systems operations provides certainty to unmanned
13 aircraft system owners and operators, maximizes the public benefits of unmanned aircraft
14 systems, and mitigates risks to public safety and security; and

15 WHEREAS, "Know Before You Fly" is an education campaign founded by the Association
16 for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International and the Academy of Model Aeronautics in
17 partnership with the Federal Aviation Administration to educate prospective users about the safe
18 and responsible operation of unmanned aircraft systems; and

19 WHEREAS, "Know Before You Fly" is supported by the Aerospace States Association, of
20 which the State of South Dakota is a member; and

21 WHEREAS, through the "Know Before You Fly" educational campaign, the Federal
22 Aviation Administration has developed relationships with more than one hundred fifty partners,
23 including unmanned aircraft manufacturers, law enforcement agencies, retailers, labor
24 organizations, and institutions of higher education:

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Ninety-Fourth Legislature
2 of the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the
3 Legislature recognizes and supports the "Know Before You Fly" campaign as an official source
4 of safety education for prospective and active operators of unmanned aircraft systems in South
5 Dakota; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Public Safety is instructed to
7 educate the public about the "Know Before You Fly" campaign and website.