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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1001

Introduced by: Representatives Olson (Ryan), Boomgarden, Krebs, Noem, Putnam, and Rausch and Senators Bradford, Ahlers, Garnos, Peterson, and Vehle at the request of the Interim Committee on South Dakota Highway Needs and Financing

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Urging Congress to pass a well-funded, multi-year federal
2 highway program in a timely manner.

3 WHEREAS, a well-funded federal highway program is important to the economy and
4 quality of life in South Dakota and the nation, creating and maintaining jobs, facilitating
5 commerce, transporting agricultural products, and enabling South Dakotans and the nation to
6 travel safely to school, work, hospitals, stores, places of recreation, and other destinations that
7 are important to all of us; and

8 WHEREAS, Congress has not yet enacted legislation providing for a multi-year
9 reauthorization of the federal highway program, hampering the ability of the state to plan and
10 deliver needed highway improvements to the citizens of South Dakota; and

11 WHEREAS, South Dakota has a vast and extensive highway system that serves national as
12 well as state transportation needs;

13 WHEREAS, South Dakota has very few citizens to finance the highway system's
14 maintenance and improvement;



1 WHEREAS, South Dakota citizens have one of the highest per capita levels of effort in
2 funding transportation in the nation;

3 WHEREAS, it is essential that South Dakota's transportation needs be addressed in the
4 reauthorization of the federal highway program to keep the state and the nation connected:

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Eighty-
6 fourth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the South
7 Dakota Legislature strongly supports prompt enactment of a well-funded, multi-year federal
8 surface transportation program that includes a highway funding formula share that is at least as
9 favorable to South Dakota as the current formula in SAFETEA-LU; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Majority Leader
11 of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and to
12 each member of South Dakota's congressional delegation.