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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1012

Introduced by: Representatives Lederman, Bolin, Boomgarden, Brunner, Cronin, Curd, Cutler, Deadrick, Dennert, Faehn, Gosch, Hunt, Kirkeby, Kirschman, Kopp, Krebs, McLaughlin, Moser, Noem, Novstrup (David), Olson (Betty), Olson (Ryan), Peters, Pitts, Rausch, Rave, Romkema, Rounds, Russell, Schlekeway, Schrempp, Sly, Solum, Steele, Tidemann, Turbiville, Van Gerpen, Vanneman, Verchio, and Wink and Senators Dempster, Abdallah, Adelstein, Bradford, Brown, Fryslie, Gant, Garnos, Gray, Hansen (Tom), Haverly, Howie, Hunhoff (Jean), Jerstad, Knudson, Maher, Miles, Nelson, Novstrup (Al), Olson (Russell), Rhoden, Schmidt, and Tieszen

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Supporting the exploration and development of energy
2 resources.

3 WHEREAS, the future growth of the United States economy requires a wide variety of
4 energy sources, including domestic oil and gas production and refining capacity, alternative and
5 renewable energy, and increase conservation; and

6 WHEREAS, as a matter of national policy, the United States needs to reduce its long-term
7 dependence on foreign energy sources for both economic security and national security reasons;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, developing and expanding domestic energy supplies and refining capacity is
10 good for the United States economy in the short-term and the long-term because responsible
11 development of America's energy resources will generate thousands of much-needed American



1 jobs, billions of dollars in new investment, billions of dollars in tax revenues for local, state, and
2 federal government, and will reduce oil imports, stemming the flow of United States dollars for
3 energy purchases to foreign governments; and

4 WHEREAS, alternative energy sources such as wind, solar, hydro, and geothermal offer
5 promise for the future and deserve support, but they are not yet able to meet our domestic energy
6 needs, and we must increase our domestic supply of oil and gas; and

7 WHEREAS, vast energy resources in the United States including hundreds of millions of
8 barrels of oil and trillions of cubic feet of natural gas lie undeveloped in the Arctic National
9 Wildlife Reserve and elsewhere on Alaska's North Slope, and in Alaska's offshore fields. These
10 resources remain untouched and can be affordably developed; and

11 WHEREAS, new drilling techniques and environmentally sound technologies have made
12 finding and tapping oil and gas in the continental United States and on the outer continental
13 shelf potential new sources of domestic supply; and

14 WHEREAS, new refining facilities such as the proposed Hyperion Energy Center in Union
15 County, South Dakota, are needed to expand domestic refining capacity and can be designed to
16 ensure optimal production efficiency with minimal impact on the environment; and

17 WHEREAS, the safe and responsible exploration, development, and production of all
18 domestic energy sources is in the economic security and national security interests of the
19 citizens of the United States; and

20 WHEREAS, the people of South Dakota support the safe and responsible development and
21 production of domestic energy sources and recognize the economic benefits of a national energy
22 policy that promotes a balanced energy approach that includes increasing domestic oil and gas
23 supplies:

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

1 fourth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the South
2 Dakota Legislature urges the President and the Congress to support legislation and regulations
3 that allow safe and responsible domestic energy exploration and development in the Arctic
4 National Wildlife Reserve, off Alaska's shores, in the continental United States, and in the outer
5 continental shelf, and new refining facilities such as the Hyperion Energy Center in Union
6 County, South Dakota.