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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1013

Introduced by: Representatives Lederman, Bolin, Faehn, Hunhoff (Bernie), McLaughlin, Noem, and Schlekeway and Senators Gillespie and Hundstad

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Supporting comprehensive anti-bullying programs and  
2 policies in schools, and the creation of an atmosphere of zero tolerance for bullying behavior  
3 in any place where children congregate.

4 WHEREAS, bullying consists of both direct behaviors such as teasing, taunting, threatening,  
5 hitting, or stealing; and indirect behaviors such as spreading rumors, using technology, or subtle  
6 attempts to cause social isolation against a target; and

7 WHEREAS, bullying has gone on too long, often with parents or teachers who are unaware  
8 of the problem or who fail to address it, and with children who fear that adult intervention will  
9 only bring more harassment from bullies; and

10 WHEREAS, bullying other children or being the target of bullying behavior puts children  
11 at risk for becoming violent adults engaging in domestic violence and child abuse; and those  
12 who stand by watching or even encouraging bullying are also affected by these hostile acts and  
13 may become desensitized to cruelty or fearful for their own safety:

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Eighty-  
15 fifth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislature



- 1 supports efforts by schools, school personnel, parents, and children to address and eliminate
- 2 bullying, and to create a safe atmosphere where all children can coexist and learn without fear.