

# State of South Dakota

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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1011

Introduced by: Representatives Van Gerpen, Abdallah, Blake, Bolin, Brunner, Carson, Conzet, Cronin, Deelstra, Dennert, Dryden, Elliott, Feickert, Gosch, Haggar, Hansen (Jon), Hawley, Hickey, Hoffman, Hubbel, Jensen, Jones, Kirkeby, Kopp, Liss, Lucas, Lust, Magstadt, Miller, Moser, Munsterman, Novstrup (David), Olson (Betty), Perry, Romkema, Rozum, Russell, Schaefer, Schrempp, Scott, Sigdestad, Sly, Solum, Steele, Street, Stricherz, Tulson, Turbiville, Vanneman, Venner, Verchio, White, Wick, Willadsen, and Wismer and Senators Putnam, Adelstein, Begalka, Brown, Cutler, Fryslie, Gray, Hansen (Tom), Haverly, Heineman, Holien, Hunhoff (Jean), Johnston, Juhnke, Kraus, Lederman, Maher, Nelson (Tom), Novstrup (Al), Nygaard, Olson (Russell), Peters, Rampelberg, Rave, Rhoden, Schlekeway, Tidemann, Tieszen, and Vehle

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Requesting that a United States Navy submarine be named  
2 the USS *South Dakota*.

3 WHEREAS, Congress and the Department of the Navy have long maintained an interest in  
4 how Navy ships are named; and

5 WHEREAS, names for Navy ships traditionally have been chosen and announced by the  
6 Secretary of the Navy, under the direction of the President and in accordance with rules  
7 prescribed by Congress. Rules for giving certain types of names to certain types of Navy ships  
8 have evolved over time; and

9 WHEREAS, currently, Virginia (SSN-774) class attack submarines are being named for  
10 states. These include the *Virginia, Texas, Hawaii, North Carolina, New Mexico, and Missouri,*



1 which are all in active service. In 2011, the *California* was added, along with the *Mississippi*,  
2 *Minnesota*, *North Dakota*, and *John Warner*, all currently under construction; and

3 WHEREAS, current Midwestern states and cities that have submarines named after them  
4 include the USS *North Dakota* SSN-784, USS *Minnesota* SSN-783, USS *Missouri* SSN-779,  
5 USS *Cheyenne* SSN-773, USS *Boise* SSN-764, USS *Wyoming* SSBN-742, USS *Nebraska*  
6 SSBN-739, USS *Helena* SSN-725, USS *Minneapolis/St. Paul* SSN-708, and USS *Omaha* SSN-  
7 692:

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Eighty-  
9 seventh Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the South  
10 Dakota Legislature, together with members of the public and the United States Submarine  
11 Veterans Inc. (USSVI) Scorpion Base in Sioux Falls and Polaris Base in Rapid City, request the  
12 United States Congress and the Secretary of the Navy to support the naming of a United States  
13 Navy submarine for the State of South Dakota. Tradition, history, and honor will be maintained  
14 in naming a new United States Navy submarine after the historic battleship USS *South Dakota*.