

State of South Dakota

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4

Introduced by: Senators Olson (Russell), Adelstein, Begalka, Bradford, Brown, Buhl, Cutler, Frerichs, Fryslie, Hansen (Tom), Haverly, Heineman, Holien, Hundstad, Hunhoff (Jean), Johnston, Juhnke, Kraus, Krebs, Lederman, Maher, Nelson (Tom), Novstrup (Al), Nygaard, Peters, Putnam, Rampelberg, Rave, Rhoden, Schlekeway, Sutton, Tidemann, Tieszen, and Vehle and Representatives Munsterman, Abdallah, Blake, Bolin, Boomgarden, Brunner, Carson, Conzet, Cronin, Deelstra, Dennert, Dryden, Fargen, Feickert, Feinstein, Gibson, Gosch, Greenfield, Haggar, Hansen (Jon), Hawley, Hickey, Hoffman, Hubbel, Hunhoff (Bernie), Hunt, Iron Cloud III, Jensen, Jones, Killer, Kirkeby, Kirschman, Kloucek, Kopp, Liss, Lucas, Lust, Magstadt, Miller, Moser, Nelson (Stace), Novstrup (David), Olson (Betty), Perry, Rausch, Romkema, Rozum, Schaefer, Schrempp, Scott, Sigdestad, Sly, Solum, Steele, Street, Stricherz, Tulson, Turbiville, Van Gerpen, Vanneman, Venner, Verchio, White, Wick, Willadsen, Wink, and Wismer

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Supporting the concept and further development of South

2 Dakota First, an initiative for success and development.

3 WHEREAS, the people of South Dakota are its greatest resource; and

4 WHEREAS, the need for informed citizens prepared and committed to filling public and

5 private leadership roles and positions continues to grow and requires action to assure that our

6 state has young people prepared to fill these vital leadership and governance positions within

7 our state; and

8 WHEREAS, South Dakota First is dedicated to celebrating young people who intend to live

9 and work in South Dakota; and



1 WHEREAS, engagement of the state's young people will help all South Dakotans to live
2 full, well-rounded, productive lives; and

3 WHEREAS, the future of South Dakota will be improved through enriched community
4 engagement with the confidence and the capacity to respond to changes in science, technology,
5 and society by understanding and adopting new evidence-based ideas; and

6 WHEREAS, citizen success is assured through experiences that prepare young people to
7 understand their roles in proactive models so they become more enriched as community
8 members while pursuing value added careers in South Dakota; and

9 WHEREAS, South Dakota First openly differentiates itself from formal education in that
10 it focuses on enhancing individuals for transition to their South Dakota communities; and

11 WHEREAS, since 1999, the Rural Learning Center, a Section 501(c)(3) Organization
12 located in Miner County, South Dakota, has built a national reputation by assisting rural
13 communities with strategic planning and by taking the lead in promoting and developing rural
14 development; and

15 WHEREAS, the Rural Learning Center desires to encourage community service and to
16 develop a series of four seminars addressing: (1) local leadership and governance; (2) proactive
17 models of community based problem solving; (3) interdisciplinary critical thinking and
18 research; and (4) apprenticeship, mentorship, and internship experiences to complement formal
19 education experiences; and

20 WHEREAS, the State of South Dakota has implemented programs that may be modified to
21 serve as further incentives for South Dakota's young people to participate and embrace an
22 intentional model of proactive citizenship and leadership:

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Eighty-seventh Legislature
24 of the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the South

- 1 Dakota Legislature supports the development and incentive integration in further development
- 2 of South Dakota First, an initiative for success and development.