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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. **1007**

Introduced by: Representatives Cronin, Anderson, Bartling, Brunner, Dryden, Duvall, Feickert, Gosch, Harrison, Jensen (Alex), Klumb, Mickelson, Otten (Herman), Peterson (Kent), Qualm, Westra, Wiik, and Wink and Senators Cammack, Brown, Frerichs, Olson, Peters, Peterson (Jim), Shorma, Tidemann, Van Gerpen, and White

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Requiring the use of sound science in evaluating crop
2 protection chemistries and nutrients.

3 WHEREAS, a sustainable agricultural system in the United States is critical to the continued
4 production of food and fiber to meet both domestic and global demands; and

5 WHEREAS, the treatment, prevention, and control of agricultural pests is critically
6 important to the health and welfare of our residents and the safety of our global food supply; and

7 WHEREAS, the availability of modern technologies such as precision farming equipment,
8 crop protection chemistries, and agricultural nutrients are critically important tools that allow
9 farmers to expand yields, reduce environmental impacts, improve profitability, and provide a
10 safe, healthy, abundant, and affordable food supply; and

11 WHEREAS, the agriculture and food production industries have a long history of success
12 and safety in protecting and further enhancing the food supply; and

13 WHEREAS, the agriculture industry is recognized as an important contributor to the



1 economic vitality of the State of South Dakota through jobs, capital investment, farm income,
2 value added sectors, and contributions to the state's tax base; and

3 WHEREAS, the crop protection industry is among the most studied and regulated of all
4 industries at both the state and federal levels; and

5 WHEREAS, the continued success of these industries and our nation's position as a world
6 leader in crop protection chemistries and nutrients depends on state and federal regulators
7 utilizing science based data to assess both product and ingredient safety; and

8 WHEREAS, sound science rather than the precautionary principle should be the bedrock
9 of our nation's regulatory scheme:

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-
11 First Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislature
12 supports the use of science based data to assess the impacts and the regulation of crop protection
13 chemistries and nutrients; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature opposes legislative or regulatory action,
15 whether at the federal or state level, that may result in unnecessary restrictions on the use of crop
16 protection chemistries and nutrients that are not based on sound science; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be sent to each member of the South
18 Dakota congressional delegation.