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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1012

Introduced by: Representatives Marty, Brunner, DiSanto, Haugaard, Holmes, May, Russell, and Verchio and Senators Olson, Greenfield (Brock), Holien, and Jensen (Phil)

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Requesting the South Dakota congressional delegation to
2 introduce legislation to compensate private landowners for fire damage caused by the United
3 States Forest Service.

4 WHEREAS, on April 3, 2013, the United States Forest Service lost control of the pautre fire
5 in Perkins County, South Dakota; and

6 WHEREAS, private property valued at millions of dollars was destroyed; and

7 WHEREAS, on April 13, 2015, the United States Park Service lost control of the cold brook
8 fire in Wind Cave National Park, which burned 5,420 acres more than the planned 1,000 acres,
9 and threatened private property adjacent to the park; and

10 WHEREAS, the federal government has denied any liability for the private property
11 damaged by these fires:

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-
13 First Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislature
14 respectfully requests that South Dakota's congressional delegation introduce legislation to



- 1 compensate the private landowners that have endured property and monetary damages as a result
- 2 of the pautre and cold brook escaped fires.