

State of South Dakota

SEVENTY-SECOND SESSION
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 1997

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1002

Introduced by: Representatives Brooks, Brosz, Cerny, Chicoine, Davis, DeMersseman, Duniphan, Fitzgerald, Hagg, Hassard, Hunt, Johnson (Doug), Kazmerzak, Koetzle, Kooistra, Koskan, Lee, Madden, McNenny, Monroe, Munson (Donald), Napoli, Pederson (Gordon), Peterson (Bill), Pummel, Putnam, Roe, Rost, Schaunaman, Schrempp, Smidt, Sperry, Van Gerpen, Waltman, Weber, Wetz, and Wick and Senators Olson, Aker, Albers, Benson, Daugaard, Dennert, Drake, Dunn (Jim), Dunn (Rebecca), Everist, Flowers, Frederick, Hainje, Halverson, Ham, Hunhoff, Hutmacher, Johnson (William), Kleven, Kloucek, Lange, Lawler, Morford-Burg, Munson (David), Paisley, Reedy, Rounds, Shoener, Stagers, Symens, Thompson, Valandra, Vitter, and Whiting

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Urging the Secretary of the Navy to name the first of the
2 fleet of new attack submarines of the Navy the "South Dakota."

3 WHEREAS, the battleship South Dakota (BB-57) was commissioned on March 20, 1942,
4 and was originally scheduled to host the surrender of Japan at the end of World War II; and

5 WHEREAS, the battleship South Dakota (BB-57) quickly became the flagship of Admiral
6 Chester W. Nimitz's 3rd Fleet and was renowned as the famous "Battleship X;" and

7 WHEREAS, the battleship South Dakota (BB-57) was one of the greatest and most
8 decorated battleships of World War II, earning the Navy Unit Commendation, the Asiatic-Pacific
9 Campaign Medal with thirteen battle stars, the World War II Victory Medal, and the Navy
10 Occupation Service Medal; and

11 WHEREAS, on January 31, 1947, after only five years of service, the battleship South

1 Dakota (BB-57) was decommissioned and placed in reserve; and

2 WHEREAS, during its five years of dutiful service, the crew of the battleship South Dakota
3 (BB-57) demonstrated both dedication and courage in their efforts to preserve the security of
4 the United States and protect the freedoms of all Americans; and

5 WHEREAS, it is entirely appropriate to have the first of the fleet of new attack submarines
6 of the Navy named the "South Dakota" to honor the courage and commitment of the brave crew
7 of the battleship South Dakota (BB-57) and to serve as a fitting tribute to one of America's truly
8 great battleships:

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the
10 SEVENTY-SECOND Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein,
11 that the Secretary of the Navy of the United States is urged to name the first of the fleet of new
12 attack submarines of the Navy the "South Dakota."