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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1002

Introduced by: Representatives Moore, de Hueck, Hagen, Koskan, Lee, Schrempp, Smidt, Sperry, Wetz, and Windhorst and Senators Rounds, Benson, and Dennert at the request of the Interim Hunting Issues Committee

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Expressing legislative intent with reference to the issuance
2 of special three-day nonresident waterfowl licenses.

3 WHEREAS, the Interim Hunting Issues Committee has worked closely with the Department
4 of Game, Fish and Parks to formulate a new initiative to provide for the issuance of special three-
5 day nonresident waterfowl licenses; and

6 WHEREAS, the Interim Hunting Issues Committee has introduced legislation to authorize
7 the issuance of such licenses but finds that there are significant policy considerations that should
8 be expressed in reference to the licenses that are inappropriate in statute; and

9 WHEREAS, it is important to support the Game, Fish and Parks Commission as it formulates
10 the policies to effectively implement this license initiative:

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-
12 third Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the following
13 legislative findings be referred to the Game, Fish and Parks Commission for appropriate action:

14 Before the Game, Fish and Parks Commission issues any three-day nonresident fall waterfowl

1 licenses in excess of an original five hundred, the Commission should be satisfied that sufficient
2 public access has been provided. The public access must be new access and not access to areas
3 presently open to the public for waterfowl hunting. New access may consist of:

- 4 (1) Roads or trails not currently identified or used for public hunting;
- 5 (2) Lands presently classified as "take-line" waterfowl refuges.
- 6 (3) Walk-in access having good waterfowl hunting opportunities which are leased from
7 private landowners.
- 8 (4) Corps of Engineers land made more accessible by having roads or trails constructed.

9 Since three days of hunting opportunity will be provided with each nonresident three-day
10 license, additional public hunting opportunity should also consist of three hunter days of
11 additional access per three-day nonresident license issued. In order for the Commission to issue
12 the total 2,000 three-day permits, 6,000 days of new waterfowl hunting opportunity access
13 should be provided for the public. Finally, the nonresident three-day waterfowl license and no
14 more than 1,500 regular ten-day nonresident waterfowl licenses should be restricted by the
15 Game, Fish and Parks Commission to counties along the Missouri River.