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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1003

Introduced by: Representatives Cerny, Brooks, and Pederson (Gordon) and Senators Benson and Hutmacher

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Requesting that construction of the National World War

2 II Memorial proceed expeditiously.

3 WHEREAS, World War II was one of the great defining events in this nation's history, a time

4 in which the people of the United States met a grave and unprecedented totalitarian threat with

5 an extraordinary display of unity, courage, and resolve; and

6 WHEREAS, before the war ended, more than sixteen million Americans served in uniform

7 and some 400,000 made the supreme sacrifice in defense of freedom; and

8 WHEREAS, Congress in 1993 authorized such a memorial, and on Veterans Day, 1995,

9 President Clinton dedicated the site by sprinkling soil from fourteen overseas World War II

10 cemeteries where approximately 160,000 Americans are interred:

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 grateful

13 citizens of South Dakota strongly and enthusiastically support the World War II memorial site

14 location between the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial on the National Mall

15 referred to as the Rainbow Pool site; and that we encourage swift approval of a revised design

1 concept so that the memorial can be dedicated early in the next century.