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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. **1004**

Introduced by: Representatives Juhnke, Brooks, Burg, Fischer-Clemens, Garnos, and Nachtigal
and Senators Benson, Hutmacher, and Lange

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Urging the establishment of an annual youth pheasant
2 hunting season.

3 WHEREAS, hunting, along with the respect for wildlife and the natural environment that
4 hunting fosters, is a wholesome, family tradition in South Dakota that should be continued and
5 passed on to our children, particularly as our society becomes more urbanized and fewer young
6 people have the opportunity to experience those traditions; and

7 WHEREAS, South Dakota's excellent pheasant hunting results in high numbers of resident
8 and nonresident pheasant hunters and sometimes intense hunting pressure during the regular
9 season, particularly during the opening weeks of the season; and

10 WHEREAS, this hunting pressure sometimes makes it difficult for younger hunters to
11 experience a satisfying hunting experience; and

12 WHEREAS, South Dakota has successfully conducted youth deer hunting seasons before
13 the opening of the regular season, which would suggest that a special youth pheasant hunting
14 season would be feasible:

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-
16 fourth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the South

1 Dakota Legislature supports the establishment by the Game, Fish and Parks Commission of an
2 annual three-day youth pheasant hunting season that would begin on the Saturday before the
3 opening of the regular season and would be open to any resident or nonresident hunter under the
4 age of sixteen who holds a valid hunting license or permit, has completed a hunter safety course,
5 and is accompanied by an adult who may not carry a firearm. During the youth season, the daily
6 limit would be two cock pheasants, shooting hours would be from noon until sunset, and section-
7 line hunting would not be permitted.