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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1018

Introduced by: Representatives Kazmerzak, Burg, Chicoine, Fischer-Clemens, Haley, Koehn, Lintz, Lucas, McIntyre, Nachtigal, Sutton (Daniel), Volesky, Waltman, and Weber and Senators Kloucek, Hutmacher, Lange, and Vitter

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Calling upon the United States Congress and the
2 Legislatures of Minnesota, South Dakota, Iowa, and Nebraska to assist in the development
3 of producer-owned facilities for meat and grain processing.

4 WHEREAS, there is a long-standing and well-documented need for economic development
5 in the rural communities of the United States and our respective states; and

6 WHEREAS, the most sensible form of economic development uses the existing resources
7 of the local area where the development is to take place; and

8 WHEREAS, the independent family farmers of our respective states and the United States
9 need additional outlets for the produce of their farms; and

10 WHEREAS, there has been a demonstrated and well-documented reduction in the livestock
11 processing capacity of the United States; and

12 WHEREAS, we can best assure that livestock and grain processing facilities will remain open
13 and operating in our states by providing for local ownership of those facilities:

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-
15 fourth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the South
16 Dakota Legislature calls upon the Congress of the United States and the Legislatures of

1 Minnesota, Iowa, and Nebraska to enact legislation to further the development of farmer-owned
2 livestock and grain processing and storage facilities in the rural communities of the Midwest; to
3 assist in the development of such facilities through low-interest loans, appropriate tax relief, and
4 any necessary changes in state or federal laws to enhance interstate sales and transportation of
5 the products of these processing facilities; to provide a system of financial assistance for the
6 marketing of the products of farmer-owned processing facilities; and to assist in the development
7 of marketing strategies that focus on the wholesomeness, health benefits, and environmental
8 benefits of meat and grain products raised by independent family farmers and prepared for retail
9 sale by family-owned processing facilities.