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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1015

Introduced by: Representatives Weber, Diedtrich (Elmer), Hagen, Koetzle, Lintz, and Lockner
and Senators Kloucek and Valandra

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Urging further development of the industrial hemp industry.

2 WHEREAS, industrial hemp (*cannabis sativa* L. with a THC content of less than one-third
3 of one percent) has a multitude of uses, including textile fiber, animal and human food, fuel,
4 paper, and building materials; and

5 WHEREAS, more than thirty nations, including Canada, currently permit cultivation and
6 production of industrial hemp; and

7 WHEREAS, South Dakota's climate is ideally suited for the production of industrial hemp
8 on South Dakota farms, and the state's economy will benefit from the development of this value-
9 added industry; and

10 WHEREAS, several state legislatures in the United States have passed legislation ranging
11 from resolutions of support for the development of the industrial hemp industry, to removal of
12 state barriers to the production of industrial hemp, to actual test-plot cultivation for research; and

13 WHEREAS, private production of industrial hemp is not possible until federal barriers to the
14 cultivation of industrial hemp are lifted:

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

1 Dakota Legislature urges the United States government to remove its barriers to the production
2 of industrial hemp and the manufacture of industrial hemp products; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that South Dakota State University is requested to gather
4 information on the research that is being done in other areas on industrial hemp and, if federal
5 requirements have been met, establish for research purposes an industrial hemp test plot not to
6 exceed ten acres in size. In addition, South Dakota State University is urged as a part of its
7 research to investigate potential uses of industrial hemp and to identify potential production and
8 processing methods associated with industrial hemp.