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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1002

Introduced by: Representatives Frost, Duniphan, Hansen (Tom), Jaspers, Jensen, McCaulley, Rhoden, Slaughter, Sutton (Duane), and Teupel and Senator Diedrich (Elmer)

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Petitioning South Dakota's United States Senators to vote
2 in favor of the confirmation of Attorney General nominee John Ashcroft.

3 WHEREAS, John Ashcroft was a law professor and a respected and successful attorney
4 general for nine years in Missouri; and

5 WHEREAS, his outstanding performance as state attorney general earned him the position
6 as head of the National Association of Attorneys General; and

7 WHEREAS, during his tenure in the United States Senate, John Ashcroft served on the
8 Judiciary Committee and chaired the Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution; and

9 WHEREAS, as Governor of Missouri, John Ashcroft appointed the first African-American
10 judge to the Western Missouri Court of Appeals in Kansas City, Missouri's second highest court;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, John Ashcroft was commended by St. Louis's Black Bar Association for
13 diversity in appointments to the bench; and

14 WHEREAS, while Governor of Missouri, John Ashcroft signed into law Missouri's first hate-

1 crimes statute and instituted a state holiday honoring Martin Luther King's birthday; and

2 WHEREAS, while Governor of Missouri, John Ashcroft named the first woman to the
3 Missouri Supreme Court; and

4 WHEREAS, John Ashcroft led the fight to save Lincoln College, which was founded by
5 African-American soldiers; and

6 WHEREAS, as a United States Senator, John Ashcroft earned the trust and admiration of
7 his colleagues from both parties; and

8 WHEREAS, the integrity, experience, and qualifications of John Ashcroft are unquestioned:

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-
10 sixth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the United
11 States Senators, Thomas Daschle and Tim Johnson, are hereby requested to vote in favor of the
12 appointment of John Ashcroft to Attorney General of the United States.