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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1020

Introduced by: Representatives Smidt, Adelstein, Bartling, Begalka, Burg, Christensen, Craddock, Cutler, Deadrick (Thomas), Dykstra, Engels, Fryslie, Garnos, Gillespie, Glenski, Hackl, Haverly, Heineman, Hennies, Juhnke, Koistinen, Konold, Kraus, Kroger, Lange, LaRue, McCoy, Michels, Miles, Murschel, Novstrup, O'Brien, Olson (Mel), Pederson (Gordon), Rave, Rhoden, Rounds, Schafer, Sebert, Sigdestad, Solum, Teupel, Thompson, Valandra, Van Etten, Van Gerpen, Weems, Wick, and Williamson and Senators Jaspers, Abdallah, Albers, Apa, Brown, Dempster, Dennert, Diedrich (Larry), Duniphan, Duxbury, Greenfield, Ham, Kleven, Kloucek, Knudson, Koetzle, Koskan, McCracken, Moore, Nachtigal, Napoli, Olson (Ed), Reedy, Sutton (Dan), and Symens

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Supporting adequate funding for secondary career and  
2 technical education programs in South Dakota.

3 WHEREAS, the 1995 Legislature enacted a method of distributing general state aid to  
4 school districts and this new method eliminated direct support for secondary career and technical  
5 education programs; and

6 WHEREAS, secondary career and technical education programs are a critical link to  
7 workforce development goals; and

8 WHEREAS, a well educated and skilled workforce is vital to the economic development of  
9 communities and the State of South Dakota; and

10 WHEREAS, fiscal challenges have caused individual school districts to reduce or eliminate  
11 secondary career and technical education programs due to the high costs sometimes associated



1 with the special equipment and facilities they require; and

2 WHEREAS, a significant number of high school graduates go directly into articulated  
3 postsecondary education or employment opportunities; and

4 WHEREAS, since 1995 there has been a twenty-four percent reduction in secondary career  
5 and technical education programs with over one hundred programs having been eliminated; and

6 WHEREAS, a significant number of South Dakota businesses and industries support  
7 secondary career and technical education and request renewed funding:

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-  
9 eighth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the South  
10 Dakota Legislature supports adequate funding of approved secondary career and technical  
11 education programs.