

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1009

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Honoring the public achievements of *Thanks to Scandinavia*.

WHEREAS, *Thanks to Scandinavia* is dedicated to educating the world concerning the history of Scandinavian respect for religious diversity and to teaching of the heroic rescue of Jews during the Nazi occupation during World War II; and

WHEREAS, *Thanks to Scandinavia* demonstrates this dedication by awarding scholarships to bring Scandinavian students to the United States in order to fully understand our practice of the traditions of religious and racial pluralism; and

WHEREAS, this Legislature is particularly appreciative of the role of *Thanks to Scandinavia* in supporting the publication and re-publication of literature illustrating these Scandinavian traditions and history including the publication of *Army of Truth* of Henrik Wergeland; and

WHEREAS, South Dakota is proud of the Scandinavian heritage of so many of our citizens and political leaders through the many years:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-ninth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that this Legislature congratulates *Thanks to Scandinavia* for its magnificent program and encourages the continuation of its efforts to tell a history that should be a guide to all of the nations of the world, and commends the people of Norway, Sweden, Finland, and Denmark for their courage and humanity so vividly demonstrated by the compassion shown by the rescue of thousands of Jews fleeing Nazi atrocities.

Adopted by the House of Representatives,
Concurred in by the Senate,

February 06, 2004
February 09, 2004

Matthew Michels
Speaker of the House

Karen Gerdes
Chief Clerk of the House

Dennis Daugaard
President of the Senate

Patricia Adam
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