

State of South Dakota

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1006

Introduced by: Representatives Valandra, Boomgarden, Bradford, Haley, Halverson, and Van Norman and Senators Adelstein, Bartling, and Two Bulls

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Requesting Congress to provide funding to implement the
2 memorandum of understanding between the United Sioux Tribes of South Dakota
3 Development Corporation and the United States Geological Survey related to geographic
4 information systems, information technology, and the United Sioux Tribes Center for
5 Geographic Information Systems Resources.

6 WHEREAS, the United Sioux Tribes of South Dakota was incorporated in 1970 by the
7 chairmen of the nine Sioux reservations located in South Dakota; and

8 WHEREAS, the United Sioux Tribes of South Dakota Development Corporation includes
9 eleven directors consisting of the chairmen from eleven Lakota-Nakota-Dakota tribes, including
10 the Oglala Sioux Tribe, Yankton Sioux Tribe, Flandreau-Santee Sioux Tribe, Sisseton-
11 Wahpeton Sioux Tribe, Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, Crow Creek Sioux Tribe, Standing Rock
12 Sioux Tribe, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, Spirit Lake Sioux Tribe, Santee Sioux Tribe of
13 Nebraska, and Rosebud Sioux Tribe; and

14 WHEREAS, the United States Geological Survey and the United Sioux Tribes of South
15 Dakota Development Corporation entered into a Memorandum of Understanding on October 27,



1 2004, to establish a working relationship for developing geographic information systems,
2 information technology, natural science research and training, and the sharing of science data
3 and facilities; and

4 WHEREAS, the Memorandum of Understanding includes plans to establish a geographic
5 information systems framework that reflects traditional Native American culture and
6 perspectives; a Native American database; a repository for cultural resource information in a
7 United Sioux Tribes Center for Geographic Information System Resources; a data service to be
8 administered by Native Americans for Native Americans to provide an inventory of tribal land,
9 natural resources, economic resources, and businesses; the application of remote sensing
10 technology to aid tribal agriculture and other earth science-related studies; and a variety of other
11 projects in the disciplines of geology, biology, hydrology, and geography; and

12 WHEREAS, the objectives of the Memorandum of Understanding provide major benefits
13 for the scientific community, the Native American population of the upper Midwest and the
14 entire nation, and the citizens of South Dakota:

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Eightieth
16 Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the South Dakota
17 Legislature requests and urges the United States Congress with the assistance of the President
18 of the United States to authorize and appropriate ten million dollars each year for five years to
19 the United Sioux Tribes of South Dakota Development Corporation to research, develop, and
20 implement the United Sioux Tribes Center for Geographic Information System Resources and
21 associated programs, such as the National Tribal Cultural Resources Database, as provided in
22 the Memorandum of Understanding between the United Sioux Tribes of South Dakota
23 Development Corporation and the United States Geological Survey.