

State of South Dakota

EIGHTIETH SESSION
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2005

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1010

Introduced by: Representatives Kraus, Dykstra, Howie, Hunhoff, Hunt, Michels, Miles, Rave, Rhoden, Schafer, Van Etten, and Weems and Senators Olson (Ed), Adelstein, Duenwald, Koskan, Moore, and Sutton (Dan)

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Encouraging citizen awareness of umbilical cord blood
2 donation and its opportunities and benefits available to the public.

3 WHEREAS, umbilical cord blood contains valuable stem cells that are currently being used
4 for treatment and research in place of the more controversial embryonic stem cells obtained by
5 destroying a living human fertilized egg; and

6 WHEREAS, more than fifteen major disease categories are currently treatable through
7 transplantation of these valuable stem cells extracted from umbilical cord blood. These diseases
8 include non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, leukemia, breast cancer, renal cell carcinoma, inherited
9 immune system disorders, Neiman-Pick disease, sickle cell disease, and osteoporosis. Promising
10 research efforts include spinal cord repair and a potential cure for Lou Gehrig's disease; and

11 WHEREAS, umbilical cord blood may be donated to a publicly accessible certified
12 umbilical cord blood bank rather than be thrown away as medical waste. The collection does
13 not pose any health risk to the mother or baby and does not affect the birth process in any way;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, the collection and storage of the umbilical cord blood will be at no expense to



1 the patient and will be arranged by the umbilical cord blood bank. Such umbilical cord blood
2 banks are easily found through the internet or written materials:

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Eightieth
4 Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that all citizens are
5 encouraged to become aware of umbilical cord blood donation and its opportunities and benefits
6 to the public.