

# State of South Dakota

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## HOUSE ENGROSSED NO. **HCR 1023** - 03/22/2005

Introduced by: Representatives Haley, Boomgarden, Bradford, Brunner, Buckingham, Cutler, Davis, Dennert, Elliott, Faehn, Frost, Fryslie, Garnos, Gassman, Gillespie, Glenski, Glover, Hackl, Halverson, Hanks, Hargens, Hennies, Hills, Hunhoff, Hunt, Jensen, Jerke, Krebs, Kroger, Lange, McCoy, McLaughlin, Miles, Murschel, Nelson, Novstrup, O'Brien, Olson (Ryan), Rausch, Roberts, Rounds, Schafer, Sigdestad, Street, Thompson, Tidemann, Tornow, Turbiville, Vehle, Weems, Wick, and Willadsen and Senators Hansen (Tom), Abdallah, Adelstein, Apa, Bartling, Bogue, Broderick, Dempster, Duenwald, Duniphan, Earley, Gant, Gray, Greenfield, Hanson (Gary), Hundstad, Kelly, Kloucek, Knudson, Koetzle, Kooistra, Koskan, Lintz, McCracken, McNenny, Moore, Napoli, Nesselhuf, Olson (Ed), Peterson (Jim), Schoenbeck, Smidt, Sutton (Dan), Sutton (Duane), and Two Bulls

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Requesting South Dakota's congressional delegation to  
2 support federal legislation to maintain the flight service station in Huron as staffed by  
3 federal air traffic control flight service specialists.

4 WHEREAS, the closing of the Huron Flight Service Station would leave the State of South  
5 Dakota without any flight services based in the state; and

6 WHEREAS, a key function of the Huron Flight Service Station is to provide weather  
7 briefings, and according to the National Transportation Safety Board, six hundred ninety-seven  
8 fatal flight accidents in the United States between 1995 and 2000 were weather related; and

9 WHEREAS, the privatization and subsequent closing of the Huron Flight Service Station  
10 would negatively impact pilots and passengers by forcing pilots to rely on information from



1 individuals not familiar with the geography and the rapidly changing and diverse weather  
2 conditions in South Dakota; and

3 WHEREAS, the citizens of this geographically large state depend on the safety of air service  
4 for personal, commercial, business, and medical purposes; and

5 WHEREAS, the specialists at the flight service are trained in air emergencies, NOTAM  
6 information, initiation of search and rescue, flight planning, and weather; and

7 WHEREAS, as South Dakota citizens, the specialists at the flight service are intimately  
8 familiar with the vast array of small towns, air strips, and diverse geography throughout South  
9 Dakota; and

10 WHEREAS, the specialists at the flight service are an integral component of the South  
11 Dakota homeland security plan; and

12 WHEREAS, the community of Huron will be greatly impacted by the loss of thirty federal  
13 employees:

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Eightieth  
15 Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the South Dakota  
16 Legislature requests our congressional delegation to support the maintenance of the Huron  
17 Flight Service Station as currently staffed.