

# State of South Dakota

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## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1

Introduced by: Senators Schoenbeck, Abdallah, Adelstein, Apa, Bogue, Broderick, Dempster, Duenwald, Duniphan, Earley, Gant, Gray, Greenfield, Hansen (Tom), Kelly, Knudson, Kooistra, Koskan, Lintz, McCracken, McNenny, Napoli, Olson (Ed), Smidt, and Sutton (Duane)

1 A RESOLUTION, Supporting the nomination of Judge Samuel Alito to the Supreme Court of  
2 the United States.

3 WHEREAS, Judge Samuel Alito is exceptionally well-qualified and has proven on the  
4 bench that he possesses the temperament, integrity, impartiality, and sound legal judgment  
5 necessary for a Supreme Court justice; and

6 WHEREAS, Judge Samuel Alito has a history of ruling based upon the established rule of  
7 law and the specific facts of the cases before him; and

8 WHEREAS, Judge Samuel Alito has extensive experience in the Supreme Court, having  
9 argued twelve cases before the Supreme Court; and

10 WHEREAS, Judge Samuel Alito served as an editor on the Yale Law Journal, and after  
11 graduation was selected for a clerkship with Judge Leonard Garth of the Third Circuit; and

12 WHEREAS, Judge Samuel Alito has a long and distinguished legal career while serving as  
13 an Assistant U.S. Attorney, an Assistant to the Solicitor General, a Deputy Assistant Attorney  
14 in the Office of Legal Counsel, a U.S. Attorney, and a federal judge; and



1       WHEREAS, Judge Samuel Alito was unanimously confirmed by the United States Senate  
2 to the Third Circuit Court of Appeals in 1990 and has served for the past fifteen years as a  
3 federal judge with honor and distinction; and

4       WHEREAS, the protracted political battles over qualified candidates and attacks on  
5 candidates based on misleading allegations need to be controlled, as they demean the federal  
6 judiciary and deter otherwise qualified candidates from participating:

7       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Eighty-first Legislature of  
8 the State of South Dakota, that the Senate supports the nomination of Judge Samuel Alito to the  
9 United States Supreme Court, and encourages Senators Tim Johnson and John Thune to support  
10 this nominee.