

State of South Dakota

EIGHTY-THIRD SESSION
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2008

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1001

Introduced by: Representatives Howie, Boomgarden, Brunner, DeVries, Elliott, Faehn, Gassman, Gilson, Halverson, Hills, Jerke, Juhnke, Kirkeby, Koistinen, Krebs, Lucas, Miles, Nelson, Noem, Olson (Betty), Pederson (Gordon), Pitts, Rave, Sigdestad, Turbiville, Van Etten, and Wick and Senators Lintz, Abdallah, Gant, Hauge, Jerstad, Katus, Kloucek, McNenny, Smidt (Orville), and Sutton

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Requesting the Department of Game, Fish and Parks to
2 give Martha Smith of Fairburn, South Dakota, the hide of a mountain lion she recently
3 killed.

4 WHEREAS, eighty-year-old Martha Smith, on January 3, 2008, found her dog in a standoff
5 with a mountain lion outside her Fairburn home; and

6 WHEREAS, Martha went back inside and got her .22 caliber rifle and returned to dispatch
7 the mountain lion; and

8 WHEREAS, Martha fired and missed and returned to the house to call 911 for assistance;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, a Game, Fish and Parks conservation officer was not immediately available to
11 come and take care of the lion, so she went back outside, took steady aim, and fired, killing the
12 big cat; and

13 WHEREAS, Martha has a deer fence and an electric fence around her garden to keep out



1 the deer and raccoon, and her loaded rifle is kept close at hand to deal with more serious
2 problems; and

3 WHEREAS, Martha, when asked why she would keep a loaded gun in her house, responded
4 by saying, "What good's a gun if it's not loaded?"; and

5 WHEREAS, Martha wisely advised after the incident, "Make sure what you are shooting
6 at is what you want to kill," and "You must protect yourself and your property"; and

7 WHEREAS, in the spirit of the pioneers who tamed this prairie wilderness, Martha Smith
8 is someone who will rise up and do what must be done; and

9 WHEREAS, Martha said she would like to get the cat mounted and have it displayed at
10 Fairburn's new museum:

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Eighty-
12 Third Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the
13 Department of Game, Fish and Parks be hereby directed to give Martha Smith, of Fairburn,
14 South Dakota, the hide of the mountain lion she shot to enjoy it for awhile and to eventually
15 donate it to a local museum.