

State of South Dakota

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1012

Introduced by: Representatives Peterson (Kent), Bartling, Chase, Duvall, Glanzer, Lake, Rozum, Schoenfish, and Tulson and Senators Frerichs, Klumb, and Youngberg

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Urging the United States Environmental Protection Agency

2 (EPA) to identify a regulatory path to provide Reid vapor pressure (RVP) relief to E15.

3 WHEREAS, the EPA's current RVP waiver is limited to E10, a blend of 90 percent gasoline

4 and 10 percent renewable biofuel; and

5 WHEREAS, the current RVP rules effectively prohibit E15, a blend of 85 percent gasoline

6 and 15 percent renewable biofuel, to be sold year-round in states that would otherwise permit

7 year-round E15 sales; and

8 WHEREAS, commodity surpluses and low prices in recent years have put America's farms

9 in financial crisis and net farm income saw its deepest decline since the Great Depression during

10 the period from 2013 to 2016; and

11 WHEREAS, biofuels can reverse these troubling trends, balance commodity markets, and

12 stabilize farm income; and

13 WHEREAS, the EPA has an unprecedented opportunity to improve the livelihoods of

14 farmers in South Dakota and across the heartland by eliminating unnecessary red tape and



1 allowing E15 to be sold year-round; and

2 WHEREAS, as consumers learn more, they are excited to have renewable, homegrown
3 options to help clean the air and cut dependence on foreign oil; and

4 WHEREAS, American drivers have surpassed three billion miles driven using E15; and

5 WHEREAS, E15 is the most tested fuel in history and has been approved by the EPA for
6 all vehicles 2001 and newer, nearly nine out of ten cars on the road today; and

7 WHEREAS, today more than 1,300 locations across twenty-nine states are offering E15 to
8 drivers and demand for E15 continues to grow; and

9 WHEREAS, E15 saves drivers an average of five to ten cents per gallon, and lifting
10 confusing regulations will allow fuel retailers to offer less expensive options at the gas pump
11 year-round; and

12 WHEREAS, during the summer months alone, E15 can reduce greenhouse gas emissions
13 equivalent to taking 2.1 million vehicles off the road; and

14 WHEREAS, E15 can lower the public health impacts from transportation emissions,
15 including reducing risks associated with cancer and asthma; and

16 WHEREAS, greater certainty in the marketplace will fuel innovation and investment in the
17 next generation of advanced and cellulosic biofuels; and

18 WHEREAS, biofuels displaced over 500 million barrels of imported oil in 2016, and giving
19 consumers the freedom to choose homegrown biofuels reduces dependence on imported oil and
20 helps grow jobs at home; and

21 WHEREAS, full implementation of E15 will create another two billion bushels of corn
22 demand for farmers, balancing commodities in the near-term and expanding opportunities for
23 South Dakota agriculture and rural communities:

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-

- 1 Third Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the
- 2 Legislature urges the United States Environmental Protection Agency to identify a regulatory
- 3 path to extend a Reid vapor pressure waiver to E15.