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Introduced by: Representatives Dennert and McCleerey and Senators Frerichs, Ewing, Klumb, Novstrup, Otten (Ernie), and Sutton

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Urging Congress, the President of the United States, and
2 the President's trade representatives to welcome free and fair trade and support strong trade
3 commerce within the agricultural industry.

4 WHEREAS, agriculture is the number one industry in South Dakota and has roughly a \$26
5 billion economic impact yearly; and

6 WHEREAS, production agriculture and its valued added industry employs over 122,000
7 South Dakotans; and

8 WHEREAS, trade is an important factor in our agriculture economy, and in 2015 South
9 Dakota had almost four billion dollars worth of agricultural exports; and

10 WHEREAS, in trade with Mexico, South Dakota imports \$70 million worth of goods a year,
11 exports \$394 million worth of goods a year, and exports 44 percent of the state's pork; and

12 WHEREAS, fifteen thousand jobs in South Dakota rely on the trade with Mexico; and

13 WHEREAS, South Dakota ranked eleventh in 2015 for agricultural trade; and

14 WHEREAS, a good trade relationship with our friends to the south and our Pacific allies is
15 vital to South Dakota economy and continued economic growth; and



1 WHEREAS, we take great pride in what we produce and American agricultural products,
2 especially South Dakota produced products, represent the highest quality; and

3 WHEREAS, consumers want quality American products and we should take pride in what
4 we produce and should label it as such:

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-
6 Second Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the South
7 Dakota State Legislature urges Congress and the President of the United States and the
8 President's trade representatives to welcome free and fair trade and support strong trade
9 commerce.