

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1016

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Urging Congress to fund the Sioux Nation Cultural Center.

WHEREAS, the United States Congress in Public Law 106-568 established the Wakpa Sica Reconciliation Place in Fort Pierre, South Dakota, on behalf of the Great Sioux Nation; and

WHEREAS, the general goals of the Wakpa Sica Reconciliation Place are to establish a Sioux Nation Cultural Center, which will display and interpret tribal history and cultural artifacts, enhance further tourism and economic development for tribes and the State of South Dakota, and promote general reconciliation and goodwill between Indians and non-Indians; and establish the Sioux Nation Supreme Court, which will strengthen tribal sovereignty, enhance individual tribal judicial systems, and help to promote economic development for the eleven member tribes of the Sioux Nation; and

WHEREAS, the creation of the Wakpa Sica Reconciliation Place and work conducted by the Wakpa Sica Historical Society enjoys great support with numerous American Indian and non-Indian individuals and organizations throughout the State of South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has appropriated \$7.6 million toward the construction and work of the Wakpa Sica Reconciliation Place:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Eightieth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the South Dakota Legislature urges the United States Congress to appropriate such sums as are necessary in Fiscal Year 2006 to complete the construction of the Sioux Nation Cultural Center as a component of the Wakpa Sica Reconciliation Place project.

Adopted by the House of Representatives,
Concurred in by the Senate,

February 24, 2005
February 28, 2005

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Speaker of the House

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