

State of South Dakota

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2

Introduced by: Senators Rhoden, Bradford, Brown, Frerichs, Fryslie, Hunhoff (Jean), Juhnke, Maher, Putnam, Rampelberg, and Sutton and Representatives Vanneman, Brunner, Hoffman, Jensen, Kloucek, Russell, Schrempp, Venner, Verchio, and Wink

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Urging the United States Postal Service to reconsider the
2 closing of post offices in rural South Dakota.

3 WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service has proposed the closure of eighty rural post
4 offices in South Dakota; and

5 WHEREAS, the post office closures will place South Dakota's rural communities under
6 stress due to a lack of locations to pick up and drop off mail; and

7 WHEREAS, of the eighty post offices to be closed, twenty-six are located in western South
8 Dakota, leaving a greater burden on the Rapid City postal service; and

9 WHEREAS, these post office closures will result in first-class mail delivery changing from
10 overnight to two- or three-day delivery service; and

11 WHEREAS, the loss of six-day mail delivery will have a negative impact on South Dakota's
12 larger rural communities where mail is delivered on alternating days; and

13 WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service has been an institution whose purpose for over
14 two hundred years has been to unite our nation with a continuous flow of information. The



1 closing of these rural post offices represents a retreat from that ideal; and

2 WHEREAS, the closing of eighty South Dakota post offices is part of the United States
3 Postal Service's plan to close 3,653 offices, which represents more than one-tenth of all postal
4 service retail outlets:

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Eighty-seventh Legislature
6 of the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the South
7 Dakota Legislature urges the United States Postal Service to reconsider the closing of eighty
8 South Dakota post offices.