



2021 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Concurrent Resolution 602

Introduced by: **Senator Stalzer**

1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Supporting a United States Constitutional**
2 **amendment to retain nine justices on the United States Supreme Court.**

3 WHEREAS, an independent United States Supreme Court is an essential component in this
4 nation's system of checks and balances and plays an integral part in protecting our
5 constitutional rights; and

6 WHEREAS, for more than one hundred fifty years, the United States Supreme Court has
7 consisted of nine justices; and

8 WHEREAS, the executive and legislative branches of our federal government should be
9 precluded from undermining the integrity and independence of the United States Supreme
10 Court by altering the number of justices on the court:

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Ninety-Sixth Legislature of the
12 State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the Legislature
13 supports an amendment to the Constitution of the United States for the purpose of providing
14 that the Supreme Court of the United States shall be composed of nine justices; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature commends United States Congressman
16 Dusty Johnson for introducing legislation to achieve the purpose stated herein; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerk of the Senate forward copies of this resolution
18 to the president pro tempore and secretary of the United States Senate, the speaker and clerk
19 of the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of the South Dakota
20 congressional delegation.