

2021 South Dakota Legislature
**House Concurrent Resolution
6005**

AMENDMENT HCR6005B FOR THE INTRODUCED BILL

This bill has been extensively amended (hoghoused) and may no longer be consistent with the original intention of the sponsor.

1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Celebrating Black History Month and the**
2 **achievements of African Americans throughout the history of South Dakota.**

3 WHEREAS, Black History Month was first established in 1926 as Negro History Week by
4 historian Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, and
5 re-established in 1976 as Black History Month by President Gerald Ford; and

6 WHEREAS, the mission of the South Dakota African American History Museum, founded
7 in 2009 in Sioux Falls, is to foster greater appreciation for the perseverance of African
8 Americans in South Dakota through educational exhibits, community events, outreach, and
9 historical documentation and preservation; and

10 WHEREAS, the first African American who laid foot in South Dakota was York, who
11 participated in the Lewis and Clark expedition; and

12 WHEREAS, Sarah "Aunt Sally" Campbell was the first African American woman to own
13 property and an independent business in South Dakota, when she discovered gold in the Black
14 Hills and subsequently owned a half dozen mining claims and became a successful
15 entrepreneur; and

16 WHEREAS, the Blair Family and others met in Yankton, in 1906, and established the
17 Northwestern Homestead Movement, which sought to relocate African Americans from
18 Southern states to homesteads in South Dakota and the Upper Midwest; and

19 WHEREAS, Cleveland Abbott was born in Yankton, graduated from high school in
20 Watertown with sixteen varsity letters, graduated from South Dakota State College, now
21 South Dakota State University, with fourteen varsity letters, was the head football coach at

1 Tuskegee University for thirty-two seasons, served in World War I, and coached the first two
2 African American gold medal winners; and

3 WHEREAS, Leonard "Bud" Williams served in World War II, the Korean War, and the
4 Vietnam War, and served his community as Director of Student Activities at the Mitchell
5 Vocational Institute, as a Mitchell city council member, and as the mayor of Mitchell; and

6 WHEREAS, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., graced Sioux Falls with his presence
7 in January 1961; and

8 WHEREAS, Kenny Anderson, Sr. was the first, and so far the only, black city commissioner
9 for the city of Sioux Falls, and has a park and community center in the city named for him;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Emma Armstrong who lived to be 102 years of age, lived in Sioux Falls since
12 1945, touched the lives of many of the people referenced above, including Porter Williams,
13 Kenny Anderson, Bud Williams, and Martin Luther King, Jr., and dedicated her life to
14 community service;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Sixth
16 Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislature
17 of the State of South Dakota recognizes the deep history of African Americans in our great
18 state and honors them throughout the month of February, Black History Month, and the
19 remainder of the year.

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