



## 2021 South Dakota Legislature

# Senate Resolution 702

Introduced by: **Senator David Johnson**

1 **A RESOLUTION, Acknowledging the local disaster impacting the Hideaway Hills**  
2 **neighborhood in the community of Black Hawk, Meade County, South Dakota.**

3 WHEREAS, the primary financial asset for many young families in South Dakota, lies in  
4 the value of their family homes; and

5 WHEREAS, the Hideaway Hills community of Blackhawk, South Dakota, suffered a  
6 shocking local disaster, unprecedented in the history of South Dakota, when an underground  
7 gypsum mine collapsed beneath their homes; and

8 WHEREAS, the residents of this community, our fellow South Dakotans, through no fault  
9 of their own, are suffering extreme financial and emotional crises as they navigate an  
10 uncertain financial future; and

11 WHEREAS, many of the affected families have lost their homes to bankruptcy, foreclosure,  
12 or severe devaluation, or continue to deplete personal assets with mortgage payments on  
13 homes and properties that are uninhabitable and worthless; and

14 WHEREAS, due to this disaster, many of the affected families have been evacuated from  
15 their homes, with no option to ever return; and

16 WHEREAS, the affected families and neighbors have been denied insurance claims and  
17 other assistance from federal, state, county, or municipal agencies.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Ninety-Sixth Legislature of the  
19 State of South Dakota, that the Senate acknowledges this tragedy as a local disaster and  
20 affirms its support for all our affected fellow South Dakotans.