

2021 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Resolution 702**AMENDMENT SR702A 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 RESOLUTION, Acknowledging the ~~local disaster~~ major negative event impacting**
2 **the Hideaway Hills neighborhood in the community of Black Hawk, Meade**
3 **County, South Dakota.**

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

6 WHEREAS, the Hideaway Hills community of Black Hawk, South Dakota, suffered a major
7 negative event of a geological nature in 2020, when an abandoned, underground gypsum
8 mine collapsed beneath their homes; and

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

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

15 WHEREAS, due to this major negative event, many of the affected families have been
16 evacuated from their homes, with no current option to return; and

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

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Ninety-Sixth Legislature of the
20 State of South Dakota, that the Senate acknowledges these South Dakotans impacted by this
21 unexpected and major negative event and affirms our support for the affected fellow citizens.