



## 2023 South Dakota Legislature

# House Concurrent Resolution 6006

Introduced by: **Representative Phil Jensen**

1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Encouraging the humane and fair treatment of the**  
2 **January 6 defendants.**

3 WHEREAS, some of the American citizens who were charged with crimes related to the  
4 January 6, 2021, incident at the United States Capitol are still being held in a Washington  
5 D.C. jail; and

6 WHEREAS, a number of these defendants requested to be transferred out of the  
7 Washington D.C. jail due to inhumane conditions; and

8 WHEREAS, they described the jail as having "medieval standards of living" and the jail  
9 "insists on tormenting its traumatized guests"; and

10 WHEREAS, they have alleged that they are being treated with cruel and unusual  
11 punishment; and

12 WHEREAS, in at least one instance, government prosecutors admitted to a federal judge  
13 that they lost track of a January 6 defendant's case, violating the defendant's rights under  
14 the Speedy Trial Act; and

15 WHEREAS, certain January 6 defendants have raised other concerns about their  
16 treatment, including being deprived of adequate food, medical care, visitation, and access to  
17 religious services and attorneys; and

18 WHEREAS, they have also stated that they have been subject to re-education propaganda,  
19 racially-biased information, harassment, and assault; and

20 WHEREAS, they believe they were exercising their First Amendment rights on January 6,  
21 2021, but have been treated like terrorists; and

1        WHEREAS, these defendants believe that those individuals who protested throughout the  
2 United States as a result of George Floyd's death were treated differently than they are being  
3 treated:

4        NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-  
5 Eighth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the South  
6 Dakota Legislature supports the humane treatment of the January 6 defendants, a speedy  
7 resolution to the charges against them, and equal treatment for all Americans exercising their  
8 First Amendment rights.