



2023 South Dakota Legislature

House Concurrent Resolution 6007

Introduced by: **Representative Phil Jensen**

1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Affirming the importance of the constitutionally**
2 **required legislative oath of office.**

3 WHEREAS, S.D. Const., Art III, § 8, provides that before a legislator begins the legislator's
4 official duties, the legislator is required take and subscribe to an oath or affirmation; and

5 WHEREAS, the constitutional oath or affirmation requires a legislator to swear or affirm
6 that the legislator will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of
7 the state of South Dakota, and will faithfully discharge the duties of the legislative office
8 according to the best of the legislator's abilities; and

9 WHEREAS, the constitutional oath or affirmation requires a legislator to swear or affirm
10 that the legislator has not knowingly or intentionally paid or contributed anything, or made
11 any promise in the nature of a bribe, to directly or indirectly influence any vote at the election
12 at which the legislator was chosen to fill the legislative office; and

13 WHEREAS, the constitutional oath or affirmation requires a legislator to swear or affirm
14 the legislator has not accepted, nor will the legislator accept or receive directly or indirectly,
15 any money, pass, or any other valuable thing, from any corporation, company or person, for
16 any vote or influence the legislator may give or withhold on any bill or resolution, or
17 appropriation, or for any other official act:

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-
19 Eighth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the South
20 Dakota Legislature affirms the importance of the constitutional legislative oath of office and
21 encourages its members to commit to the duties, responsibilities, and obligations contained
22 therein.