

2023 South Dakota Legislature
**House Concurrent Resolution
6006**

**AMENDMENT HCR6006A
FOR THE INTRODUCED RESOLUTION**

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.