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Requested by: The Interim Committee on State-Tribal Relations

1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, urging the United States Department of Homeland**
2 **Security to establish a tribal law enforcement training academy in South**
3 **Dakota.**

4 WHEREAS, the state of South Dakota recognizes the critical role played by tribal law
5 enforcement agencies in ensuring public safety and upholding the rule of law for all citizens;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, the state of South Dakota values collaboration between state and federal
8 entities to enhance public safety initiatives and strengthen the capabilities of law enforcement
9 agencies; and

10 WHEREAS, the establishment of a tribal law enforcement training academy in South
11 Dakota would provide an opportunity to enhance the skills and training of law enforcement
12 personnel serving Native American communities, thereby contributing to the overall safety
13 and well-being of tribal members; and

14 WHEREAS, South Dakota is home to nine tribal nations, each with its unique heritage and
15 law enforcement needs, making it an ideal location for a tribal law enforcement training
16 academy that can tailor its programs to the specific challenges and nuances of the region;
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18 WHEREAS, its central location makes South Dakota an ideal location for a tribal law
19 enforcement training academy that serves individuals from across the United States; and

20 WHEREAS, the state of South Dakota is committed to supporting initiatives that promote
21 professionalism, cultural sensitivity, and excellence in law enforcement to better serve and
22 protect all residents; and

23 WHEREAS, South Dakota, in partnership with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, has begun to
24 offer law enforcement training programs that prioritizes officers serving one of the nine tribal
25 nations located in the state and focuses on the law enforcement needs of these communities;

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the One Hundred
2 First Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the
3 Legislature urges the United States Department of Homeland Security to establish a tribal law
4 enforcement training academy in South Dakota; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature encourages the United States Department
6 of Homeland Security to collaborate with tribal leaders, state law enforcement agencies, and
7 relevant stakeholders to ensure that the training programs offered at the academy address
8 the unique needs and cultural context of the tribal communities in the region; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the secretary
10 of the United States Department of Homeland Security, the South Dakota Congressional
11 delegation, and the leader of each of the nine federally recognized Indian tribes located wholly
12 or partially within the state.