

2026 South Dakota Legislature

House Resolution 7001

AMENDMENT HR7001D FOR THE INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

1 **A RESOLUTION recognizing the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of
2 Independence.**

3 WHEREAS, July 4, 2026, will signify 250 years since the founding fathers voted to finalize
4 the text of the Declaration of Independence, which established the sovereignty of the original
5 thirteen colonies; and

6 WHEREAS, ~~indigenous nations, generations of immigrants, civil rights advocates, and~~
7 ~~countless others~~ generations of natural-born Americans and immigrants have worked
8 tirelessly to promote and protect freedom and justice for all, and to create, based on those
9 principles, the United States we recognize today; and

10 WHEREAS, the tribal nations within this state's borders, as well as this state's pioneer
11 heritage, agricultural innovations, and its resilient civic spirit contributed to the growth of this
12 incredible nation ~~and will continue to support the United States of America for many years yet~~
13 ~~to come~~; and

14 WHEREAS, the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence presents numerous
15 opportunities to educate all Americans about our nation, to celebrate our republican
16 institutions, and to renew a shared commitment to ensuring a resilient ~~republic~~ Constitutional
17 Republic for all;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the One Hundred
19 First Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the 250th anniversary of the Declaration
20 of Independence be recognized as a time to reflect upon the founding principles of ordered
21 liberty, democracy, and equality, and natural rights; to celebrate the profound achievements
22 of our first 250 years; and to prepare for all that this great nation has yet to experience during
23 the next 250 years.