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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1010

Introduced by: Representatives Dykstra, Ahlers, Brunner, Burg, Dennert, Gillespie, Hargens, Krebs, Lucas, Noem, Olson (Russell), Putnam, Rave, Rhoden, Rounds, Street, and Vanneman and Senators Knudson, Dempster, Hanson (Gary), Heidepriem, Hundstad, and Peterson (Jim)

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Supporting the "25 by 25" Initiative and promoting the
2 increased production of renewable energy by the agricultural community.

3 WHEREAS, having an affordable, reliable, and plentiful energy supply is critical to our
4 economy, as well as our national and international food supply; and

5 WHEREAS, current and future risks to United States energy security are mounting while
6 domestic and global energy demands are growing exponentially; and

7 WHEREAS, South Dakota is recognized to have tremendous renewable energy resources
8 with the potential to become a significant energy exporter in the future; and

9 WHEREAS, the development of a broad spectrum of renewable energy sources, including
10 wind power, biodiesel, biomass, methane digesters, ethanol, and solar, benefits the environment
11 and will have a direct economic benefit to agricultural landowners and rural communities; and

12 WHEREAS, rural communities and agriculture sectors will experience multiple benefits,
13 including establishing additional markets for agricultural commodities; increasing farm income;
14 creating added-value uses for crops, livestock, and their byproducts; more productive use of



1 marginal lands; the resolution of air, water, and soil quality problems that may arise from
2 agricultural operations; improving wildlife habitat; and creating many new job opportunities;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, solar and wind energy can be captured on the vast land areas managed by U.S.
5 agriculture, and technology and production capabilities allow America's farmers and ranchers
6 to play a major role in ensuring a fully sustainable U.S. energy system; and

7 WHEREAS, American agriculture is well positioned to play an expanded role in the
8 development and implementation of new energy solutions. With appropriate technological
9 innovation, incentives, and investments, America's farms and ranches can become the factories
10 that produce a new generation of fuels to help meet the nation's energy needs; and

11 WHEREAS, "25 by 25" is an agriculturally led initiative that envisions America's farms and
12 ranches producing twenty-five percent of America's energy demand by the year 2025 while
13 continuing to produce abundant, safe, and affordable food, fiber, feed, and fuel; and

14 WHEREAS, Agriculture's role as an energy producer will have a positive effect on national
15 security and trade imbalances and will serve as a catalyst for rural development in South
16 Dakota:

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Eighty-
18 Third Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the
19 Legislature supports the vision of "25 by 25" whereby agriculture will provide twenty-five
20 percent of the total energy consumed in the United States by the year 2025, while continuing to
21 produce abundant, safe, and affordable food, fiber, feed, and fuel.