

State of South Dakota

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1008

Introduced by: Representatives Haggar (Don), Anderson, Bolin, Brunner, Campbell, DiSanto, Harrison, Haugaard, Hunt, Johns, Klumb, Langer, Latterell, Marty, Munsterman, Novstrup (Al), Peterson (Kent), Qualm, Rasmussen, Romkema, Rounds, Schaefer, Schoenfish, Stalzer, Steinhauer, Tulson, Verchio, Werner, Wiik, Willadsen, Wollmann, and Zikmund and Senators Jensen (Phil), Curd, Fiegen, Greenfield (Brock), Haggar (Jenna), Holien, Monroe, Novstrup (David), Omdahl, Peterson (Jim), and Rusch

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Urging Congress to support and to ask the United States
2 Secretary of State to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline project.

3 WHEREAS, the United States relies, and will continue to rely for many years, on gasoline,
4 diesel, and jet fuel despite the recent focus on renewable and alternative sources of energy; and

5 WHEREAS, in order to fuel our economy the United States will need more oil and natural
6 gas in addition to requiring additional alternative energy sources; and

7 WHEREAS, the United States currently depends on foreign imports for more than half of
8 its petroleum usage and is the largest consumer of petroleum in the world and United States
9 dependence on overseas oil has created difficult geopolitical relationships with potentially
10 damaging consequences for our national security; and

11 WHEREAS, oil deposits in the Bakken Reserves of Montana, North Dakota, and South
12 Dakota are an increasingly important crude oil resource with an estimated eleven billion barrels



1 of recoverable crude oil, and there is not enough pipeline capacity for crude oil supplies from
2 Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Oklahoma, and Texas to American refineries; and

3 WHEREAS, Canadian oil reserves contain an estimated 173 billion barrels of recoverable
4 oil and Canada is the single largest supplier of oil to the United States at 2.62 million barrels
5 per day with the capacity to significantly increase that rate; and

6 WHEREAS, the Keystone XL pipeline will, when completed, carry 700,000 barrels of North
7 American crude oil to American refineries in the Gulf Coast region; and

8 WHEREAS, construction of the project will create 120,000 jobs nationwide including
9 20,000 in construction and manufacturing, create twenty billion dollars in economic growth, and
10 generate millions of dollars worth of government receipts; and

11 WHEREAS, a recent study by the United States Department of Energy found that increasing
12 delivery of crude oil from Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Alberta, as well as Texas
13 and Oklahoma, to American refineries has the potential to substantially reduce our country's
14 dependency on sources outside of North America; and

15 WHEREAS, Canada sends more than ninety-nine percent of its oil exports to the United
16 States, the bulk of which goes to Midwestern refineries; and oil companies are investing huge
17 sums to expand and upgrade refineries in the Midwest to make gasoline and other refined
18 products from Canadian oil and the expansion and upgrade projects will create many new
19 construction jobs over the next five years and substantially add to the gross product of South
20 Dakota; and

21 WHEREAS, ninety percent of the money used to buy Canadian oil will likely later be spent
22 directly on United States goods and services in contrast with increasing the trade relationship
23 with unstable regions. Supporting the continued shift towards reliable and secure sources of
24 North American oil is a vital interest to the United States and the State of South Dakota:

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-
2 First Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislature
3 supports continued and increased development and delivery of oil derived from North American
4 oil reserves to American refineries; urges Congress to support continued and increased
5 development and delivery of oil from Canada to the United States and urges Congress to ask the
6 United States Secretary of State to approve the Keystone XL pipeline project that has been
7 awaiting a presidential permit since 2008 to ensure America's oil independence, improve our
8 national security, reduce the cost of gasoline, create new jobs, and strengthen ties between the
9 United States and Canada; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the secretary of state transmit duly authenticated copies
11 of this resolution to the speaker and clerk of the United States House of Representatives, to the
12 president pro tempore and secretary of the United States Senate, and to the members of the
13 South Dakota Congressional delegation.