

State of South Dakota

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1013

Introduced by: Representatives Hawley, Anderson, Bartling, Beal, Bolin, Bordeaux, Conzet, Craig, Cronin, Deutsch, DiSanto, Dryden, Duvall, Feickert, Gibson, Haggar (Don), Harrison, Haugaard, Hawks, Hunt, Jensen (Alex), Kirschman, Klumb, Langer, McCleerey, Mickelson, Munsterman, Otten (Herman), Peterson (Kent), Qualm, Rasmussen, Ring, Romkema, Rounds, Schoenbeck, Schoenfish, Schrempp, Sly, Soli, Solum, Stalzer, Steinhauer, Stevens, Tulson, Verchio, Westra, Wiik, Willadsen, Wink, Wollmann, and Zikmund and Senators Cammack, Bradford, Brown, Buhl O'Donnell, Ewing, Fiegen, Frerichs, Haggar (Jenna), Haverly, Heineman (Phyllis), Heinert, Holien, Hunhoff (Bernie), Jensen (Phil), Monroe, Novstrup (David), Olson, Otten (Ernie), Parsley, Peterson (Jim), Rampelberg, Shorma, Solano, Sutton, Tidemann, and White

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Recognizing the positive economic impact sportsmen and
2 women have in South Dakota.

3 WHEREAS, as a result of over a century of responsible stewardship by sportsmen and
4 women, South Dakota is home to bountiful fish and wildlife populations that provide its citizens
5 and visitors with unrivaled opportunities for sporting, recreation, and commerce while also
6 sustaining a quality of life; and

7 WHEREAS, through the continued purchases of hunting and fishing licenses, resident and
8 nonresident hunters, anglers, recreational shooters, and trappers continue to be the chief
9 supporters of South Dakota's fish and wildlife resources, while also providing critical funds for
10 the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks' efforts to provide for healthy and



1 abundant fish and wildlife populations for future generations; and

2 WHEREAS, the over one billion dollars spent by sportsmen and women in South Dakota
3 on equipment, travel, leases, licenses, and lodging supports nearly fifteen thousand jobs, making
4 them a critical component of the state's economy; and

5 WHEREAS, spending by sportsmen and women in South Dakota generates over eighty
6 million dollars in state and local taxes, supporting vital public services in communities across
7 the state; and

8 WHEREAS, sportsmen and women in South Dakota contribute to the Wildlife and Sport
9 Fish Restoration Program that began with the passage of the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration
10 Act in 1937, was bolstered with the passage of the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act
11 in 1950, and was further expanded with the Wallop-Breaux amendment to the Sport Fish
12 Restoration Act in 1984; and

13 WHEREAS, as provided in the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program, the
14 manufacturers of firearms, ammunition, hunting, fishing, and boating equipment collect excise
15 taxes on firearms, ammunition, archery equipment, manufactured fishing tackle, electric trolling
16 motors, marine electronics, and motorboat fuel and distribute these funds to the states through
17 the United States Fish and Wildlife Service; and

18 WHEREAS, the combined contribution of the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs
19 and license fees to state fish and wildlife agencies nationwide has exceeded \$56.9 billion since
20 1939, more than any other single conservation effort in American history; and

21 WHEREAS, South Dakota has received \$243,059,609 through the Wildlife and Sport Fish
22 Restoration Programs since 1939 which has been used to protect and enhance fish and wildlife
23 populations; and

24 WHEREAS, this cooperative partnership between industry, hunters, anglers, trappers,

1 boaters, recreational shooters, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and the South Dakota
2 Department of Game, Fish and Parks has resulted in the most successful model of fish and
3 wildlife management in the world:

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-
5 First Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislature
6 recognizes sportsmen and women in South Dakota and the Department of Game, Fish and Parks
7 for their leading role in enhancing populations of fish, wildlife, both game and nongame, and
8 other natural resources, to the abundance we see today.