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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12

Introduced by: Senators Frerichs, Cronin, Langer, Novstrup, Tapio, and Wiik and
Representatives Bartling, Chase, Dennert, and Lesmeister

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Urging the Environmental Protection Agency to update the
2 Clean Air Act to allow mid-range ethanol blends in all standard automobiles.

3 WHEREAS, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulators plunder rural economies,
4 including South Dakota, claiming E-30 and half E-85 blends are illegal to use in standard
5 automobiles, locking corn ethanol out of what should be free enterprise gasoline octane markets;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, corn ethanol, free of EPA regulatory barriers, could triple in demand and
8 immediately begin to revitalize rural America; and

9 WHEREAS, with increased oxygen in mid-range blends of ethanol, including premium
10 E-30, toxic benzene is nearly neutralized through dilution and more complete combustion,
11 reducing all toxic emissions fifty to eighty percent compared to regular unleaded gasoline; and

12 WHEREAS, premium E-30 is less expensive, delivers more power, results in cleaner
13 engines, lowers maintenance costs, and delivers the same gas mileage, while supporting the
14 South Dakota and United States economies, protecting the environment, and improving public
15 health; and



1 WHEREAS, the Glacial Lakes Energy's E-30 Challenge Study confirms these facts, as well
2 as that E-30 is ethanol blends' optimum mixture; and

3 WHEREAS, farmers and ethanol producers are the backbone of many rural economies in
4 South Dakota; and

5 WHEREAS, South Dakota has an opportunity to be a regional leader in the promotion of
6 our homegrown premium fuel:

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Ninety-Third Legislature
8 of the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the
9 Legislature affirms to all auto owners' the self-evident, constitutional right to choose premium
10 E-30 fuel and urges the Environmental Protection Agency to update the Clean Air Act to allow
11 mid-range ethanol blends in all standard automobiles.