

State of South Dakota

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

Introduced by: Senators Bolin, Cammack, DiSanto, Ewing, Jensen (Phil), Klumb, Kolbeck, Langer, Maher, Monroe, Nelson, Novstrup, Otten (Ernie), Partridge, Rusch, Schoenbeck, Stalzer, Steinhauer, Sutton, Wiik, and Youngberg and Representatives Deutsch, Anderson, Barthel, Brunner, Chaffee, Chase, Dennert, Diedrich, Duvall, Finck, Glanzer, Goodwin, Gosch, Greenfield (Lana), Hansen, Jensen (Kevin), Marty, Mulally, Peterson (Kent), Peterson (Sue), Randolph, Rasmussen, Schoenfish, Steele, Weis, Wiese, Willadsen, and Zikmund

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Commending Senators John Thune and Mike Rounds for
2 their votes to confirm Brett Kavanaugh's nomination to the United States Supreme Court,
3 and wishing Associate Justice Kavanaugh well in his new role.

4 WHEREAS, Brett Kavanaugh graduated cum laude from Yale University with a bachelor's
5 degree in American History and from Yale Law School with a Juris Doctor degree; and

6 WHEREAS, Brett Kavanaugh was nominated by President George W. Bush to the United
7 States Court of Appeals for the Washington, D.C. Circuit, his nomination being confirmed by
8 the United States Senate in 2006; and

9 WHEREAS, in July 2018, Brett Kavanaugh was nominated by President Donald J. Trump
10 to be an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court; and

11 WHEREAS, in the last days before the vote on his nomination took place in the Senate
12 Judiciary Committee, serious, but uncorroborated, charges were made against him; charges that



1 remain unsubstantiated and unproven by any reasonable standard that conforms to the basic
2 American principle of "innocent until proven guilty"; and

3 WHEREAS, outrageous and disruptive demonstrations took place both during the
4 committee hearings and during the final vote on the floor of the United States Senate damaging
5 the process and disrupting the legitimate functions of government; and

6 WHEREAS, Senators John Thune and Mike Rounds, representing the great State of South
7 Dakota, voted, along with a bipartisan majority of the Senate, to confirm Brett Kavanaugh as
8 Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court:

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Ninety-Fourth Legislature
10 of the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that Senators
11 John Thune and Mike Rounds hereby be thanked and praised for their affirmative votes to
12 confirm Brett Kavanaugh as an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Associate Justice Brett Kavanaugh be wished a long
14 and satisfying tenure on the highest court in the United States of America.