

State of South Dakota

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1003

Introduced by: Representatives Hansen, Barthel, Beal, Brunner, Chaffee, Dennert, Deutsch, Frye-Mueller, Glanzer, Goodwin, Gosch, Greenfield (Lana), Gross, Hammock, Haugaard, Jensen (Kevin), Johnson (Chris), Latterell, Livermont, Marty, Milstead, Miskimins, Mulally, Perry, Peterson (Kent), Qualm, St John, Steele, Weis, Wiese, and Willadsen

1 A RESOLUTION, Denouncing the recent passage of New York's abortion law and requesting
2 that the Governor declare a day of prayer and fasting to atone for the unspeakable crime of
3 abortion.

4 WHEREAS, South Dakota recognizes that an unborn child is a whole, separate, unique,
5 living human being; and

6 WHEREAS, from the moment of conception all mankind is united in the common bond of
7 human personage, with all dignity belonging thereto, as bestowed by nature and nature's unseen
8 author; and

9 WHEREAS, united by bonds of history, culture, and law with the people of New York, and
10 our unity as Americans being dear to us; and

11 WHEREAS, our fellow Americans in the state of New York, not only having enacted a law
12 permitting the murder of unborn persons in the last moment before the light beyond the womb;
13 and



1 WHEREAS, our countrymen did compound their crime by taking the ghastly and egregious
2 step of publicly celebrating such barbarous and inhuman acts; and

3 WHEREAS, in light of this barbarism in which we will not share, our bonds of union and
4 affection are now diminished, sadly against our wish, fallen victim to unholy festivities; and

5 WHEREAS, the noble citizens of this luminous land have labored forty-six years under the
6 dread darkness of Roe v. Wade, an unlawful pronouncement of a so-called right to wrest life
7 from the innocent; and

8 WHEREAS, we, at the expiration of these forty-six years, do remain altogether devoted to
9 the cause of life, a sacred principle on which our worthy civilization depends, while unjust
10 governments mock infants and make merry in an unthinking war to destroy and defile; and

11 WHEREAS, we know, being taught by the eternal law and the annals of history, that nations
12 and individuals owe due recompense for grave crimes against right; and

13 WHEREAS, we being sincere in our desire for comity and friendship, cannot look with
14 indifference upon these attempts to shake the foundation of free government, long found in
15 virtue, righteousness, and solicitude for all; and

16 WHEREAS, in the humility as befits our modest state, with no desire to provoke, yet in fear
17 of eternal perdition and convicted that this grave offense cries out for justice:

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-
19 Fourth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that we confess an utter insufficiency of words
20 to describe the horror and broken-heartedness we felt in learning of the unrighteous sacrilege
21 the government of New York masqueraded under the guise of just law; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Fourth
23 Legislature of the State of South Dakota, we request that the Governor set forth a day of prayer
24 and fasting to atone for the unspeakable crime of abortion in our land, and ask that same be

- 1 transmitted to all South Dakotans at home and abroad, young and old, to strangers and travelers
- 2 in our midst, and to all people of goodwill.