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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 4

Introduced by: Senators Russell, Jensen (Phil), and Nelson

1 A RESOLUTION, Rebuking Congressman Dusty Johnson for voting against President Trump's
2 emergency measures to secure the Southern border, and urging Senators John Thune and
3 Mike Rounds to support President Trump's constitutional efforts as our military Commander
4 in Chief to do so.

5 WHEREAS, a state of emergency exists in the United States due to Congress' failing to
6 perform its constitutional duties of securing our borders and defending the nation against the
7 lawless invasion of this country by twelve to twenty-two million illegal aliens; and

8 WHEREAS, the South Dakota Legislature identified within Senate Concurrent Resolution
9 4, the mass amount of horrific crimes American citizens are subjected to due to the illegal alien
10 crime wave from which federal law enforcement is desperately attempting to defend the
11 American public; and

12 WHEREAS, the South Dakota Legislature passed Senate Concurrent Resolution 4 on
13 January 24, urging Congress and the President of the United States immediately to address this
14 emergency by providing for the security of our nation by controlling and securing our national
15 borders with appropriate legislation to fund the construction of steel barriers and border control



1 impediments along with the strengthening of current border control infrastructure; and

2 WHEREAS, the President of the United States is the Commander in Chief of the nation's
3 military and is constitutionally empowered to direct and order the defenses of the nation; and

4 WHEREAS, on February 19, the President issued a presidential proclamation officially
5 declaring a national emergency concerning the southern border of the United States, and
6 ordering the nation's military to use monies already appropriated to the Department of Defense,
7 to be specifically used to harden the defenses and security of the southern border; and

8 WHEREAS, on February 26, Representative Dusty Johnson voted for House Joint
9 Resolution 46 to terminate President Trump's emergency declaration; and

10 WHEREAS, House Joint Resolution 46 will be heard by the United States Senate; and

11 WHEREAS, it is the duty and responsibility of the federal government to protect national
12 borders and secure the sovereignty of the United States as well as to enforce immigration and
13 employment laws for the protection of American citizens; and

14 WHEREAS, the enforcement of existing federal immigration laws, especially those
15 regarding national security, immigration, and employment are necessary for the preservation of
16 the sovereignty of this nation and the well-being of the American people; and

17 WHEREAS, Congress has been woefully remiss in its duties to protect our national borders
18 and enforce existing federal immigration laws creating a constitutional crisis and national
19 emergency:

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Ninety-Fourth Legislature
21 of the State of South Dakota, that the South Dakota Legislature rebukes Representative Dusty
22 Johnson for his betrayal of national interests in opposing President Trump's constitutional
23 authority as the Commander in Chief of the U.S. military; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Senate urges Senators John Thune and Mike

1 Rounds to oppose House Joint Resolution 46 and support the President of the United States in
2 his efforts to immediately provide for the security of our nation by controlling and securing our
3 national borders, as specifically called for within South Dakota Legislature's Senate Concurrent
4 Resolution 4.