



2020 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Concurrent Resolution 602

Introduced by: Senator Wiik

1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, To invite responsible gun owners from Virginia to**
 2 **relocate to South Dakota.**

3 WHEREAS, we the people of South Dakota have enshrined in our state Constitution the
 4 belief that all men are born equally free and independent, that all men have certain inherent
 5 rights, and that those rights include enjoying and defending life and liberty, acquiring and
 6 protecting property, and pursuing happiness; and

7 WHEREAS, we the people of South Dakota have enshrined in our state Constitution the
 8 right to be secure in our persons, houses, papers and effects, against unreasonable searches
 9 and seizures; and

10 WHEREAS, we the people of South Dakota have enshrined in our state Constitution the
 11 right to bear arms in defense of ourselves and the state; and

12 WHEREAS, we the people of South Dakota live by the words of our Constitution--we value
 13 the rights granted to us by that document and by the second amendment to the Constitution
 14 of the United States; and

15 WHEREAS, we the people of South Dakota value and jealously guard our right to keep and
 16 bear arms--a right that includes constitutional carry, capitol carry, and a long and proud
 17 tradition of hunting and participation in the shooting sports; and

18 WHEREAS, we the people of South Dakota recognize that, in other states, such basic rights
 19 are under assault by governmental bodies more intent on infringing upon the freedom of their
 20 citizens than protecting and preserving it;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Ninety-Fifth Legislature of the
 22 State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that we the people
 23 of South Dakota invite the responsible gunowners of the Commonwealth of Virginia to
 24 consider relocating to the 40th state where, in the shadow of Mount Rushmore, America's

1 shrine of democracy, we will welcome you to experience our bustling cities and endless
2 prairies, share in our crystal clear waters, play on our majestic hills, marvel at our unparalleled
3 beauty and bounty, and absorb all that is our boundless wonder, and more importantly we
4 will welcome you to live under the banner of unwavering support for the most precious rights
5 and freedoms guaranteed to all by and through the United States Constitution and the
6 Constitution of this state; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the secretary of the Senate arrange for copies of this
8 resolution to be forwarded to the governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the president
9 pro tempore of the Senate of Virginia, the speaker of the Virginia House of Delegates, and
10 the editor of the Richmond Times Dispatch.