



2020 South Dakota Legislature
**House Concurrent Resolution
 6012**

SENATE ENGROSSED

Introduced by: **Representative** Randolph

1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Supporting the right to pray.**

2 WHEREAS, our founders approved the First Amendment of the United States Constitution
 3 that made religious freedom the initial right stated in our foundational document; and

4 WHEREAS, the First Amendment of the United States Constitution articulates the intention
 5 of our founders to prevent governmental interference in the practice of religion; and

6 WHEREAS, the ability of people to worship freely and openly and to live faithfully by the
 7 tenets of their faith is protected by the First Amendment; and

8 WHEREAS, repressive governments around the world persecute Christians and other
 9 religious worshipers, and terrorist organizations carry out barbaric violence against innocent
 10 people because of their religion; and

11 WHEREAS, the United States desires the end of religious persecution around the world
 12 and desires to ensure respect for the freedom of religion; and

13 WHEREAS, in May 2017, President Donald J. Trump signed an Executive Order to advance
 14 religious liberty for individuals and institutions;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Fifth
 16 Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislature
 17 supports the United States Department of Education's guidance entitled "Constitutionally
 18 Protected Prayer and Religious Expression in Public Elementary and Secondary Schools,"
 19 dated January 16, 2020; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerk of the House of Representatives provide copies
 21 of this resolution to the speaker and clerk of the United States House of Representatives, to

- 1 the president pro tempore and the secretary of the United States Senate, and to the members
- 2 of the South Dakota congressional delegation.