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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1021

Introduced by: Representatives Valandra, Hennies (Don), Hundstad, and Nesselhuf and
Senators Volesky, Diedtrich (Elmer), Duxbury, Ham, Hutmacher, Moore,
Olson (Ed), and Reedy

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Recognizing social anxiety disease as a treatable psychiatric
2 disorder which affects many South Dakotans and applauding all psychological and
3 pharmacologic interventions designed to treat social anxiety disease.

4 WHEREAS, social anxiety disorder, also known as social phobia, is a recognized disorder
5 which has been proven to negatively correlate with educational attainment, professional
6 advancement, and wages; and

7 WHEREAS, individuals with social anxiety disorder may experience an excessive and
8 persistent fear of social or performance situations in which they will be scrutinized by others; and

9 WHEREAS, the social anxiety-provoking social situation may cause physical symptoms such
10 as blushing, swearing, trembling, tense muscles, shaky voice, dry mouth, or a pounding of the
11 heart; and

12 WHEREAS, social anxiety disorder is the most common anxiety disorder affecting
13 approximately 7.9 percent of Americans annually with a lifetime prevalence of 13.3 percent,
14 making this psychiatric condition the third most common based upon lifetime prevalence; and

1 WHEREAS, people with social anxiety disorder are at a four-fold increased risk of
2 developing depression, a three-fold increased risk of developing panic, and a two-fold increased
3 risk of developing alcoholism; and

4 WHEREAS, people with social anxiety disorder are twice as likely to attempt suicide than
5 those without this disorder; and

6 WHEREAS, it is believed that social anxiety disorder may be due to an imbalance of a
7 chemical called serotonin that transports signals between nerve cells in the brain; and

8 WHEREAS, social anxiety disorder can be treated:

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-
10 sixth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the
11 Legislature of South Dakota does hereby recognize social anxiety disease as a treatable
12 psychiatric disorder which affects many South Dakotans and applauds all psychological and
13 pharmacologic interventions designed to treat social anxiety disease.