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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1011

Introduced by: Representatives Lintz, Duenwald, Fryslie, Garnos, Hansen (Tom), Hanson (Gary), Hargens, Hennies (Thomas), Holbeck, Jensen, Juhnke, Klaudt, Kloucek, Kooistra, McCaulley, McCoy, Olson (Mel), Pederson (Gordon), Pummel, Rhoden, Sigdestad, Solum, Teupel, and Van Etten and Senators Vitter, Hutmacher, Kleven, and Symens

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Expressing the support of the Legislature for the
2 construction and operation of a federal Western Grasslands Invasive Weed Laboratory in
3 Rapid City, South Dakota.

4 WHEREAS, noxious weeds and invasive species have a detrimental effect on agricultural,
5 forest, and grazing lands in South Dakota and other states in the region; and

6 WHEREAS, the total impact of costs attributable to nonindigenous weeds is as high as \$5.4
7 billion annually; and

8 WHEREAS, effective and cost-efficient methods must be found to control invasive species
9 and noxious weeds; and

10 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture-Agricultural Research Service has
11 specialists who have the expertise needed to conduct such research; and

12 WHEREAS, the Western Grasslands Invasive Weed Laboratory would work cooperatively
13 with state universities, other federal and state agencies, and private research groups; and



1 WHEREAS, the laboratory would focus on noxious weeds in South Dakota, North Dakota,
2 Montana, and Wyoming; and

3 WHEREAS, Rapid City is centrally located, making access by scientists and distribution of
4 information easier:

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-
6 seventh Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the
7 Legislature supports the establishment of a Western Grasslands Invasive Weed Laboratory in
8 Rapid City, South Dakota.