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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1011

Introduced by: Representative Hagen and Senator Moore

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Recognizing and endorsing the efforts of the Good Bears
2 of the World organization and their efforts on behalf of Children's Day.

3 WHEREAS, teddy bears have been a beloved symbol of Americana ever since they were first
4 created in response to President Theodore Roosevelt's rescue of a cuddly bear cub on a hunting
5 trip in Mississippi; and

6 WHEREAS, teddy bears were instantly and uniquely popular with American children and
7 have remained so for almost a century; and

8 WHEREAS, teddy bears possess a special quality of comforting and befriending children and
9 assisting children during times of stress and uncertainty; and

10 WHEREAS, an organization of teddy bear collectors known as Good Bears of the World
11 has been very active in distributing teddy bears to troubled and disadvantaged children; and

12 WHEREAS, an outstanding example of this charitable impulse is exemplified by Children's
13 Day in Florida when nine hundred forty teddy bears were given to thirty-eight domestic violence
14 shelters; and

15 WHEREAS, each Children's Day teddy bear wore a red ribbon with an 800 number in the
16 hope that the information may help to keep the child's family from further domestic violence; and

17 WHEREAS, during Florida's Children's Day, teddy bears were also distributed to hundreds

1 of grateful children in local hospitals:

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-
3 fourth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the purposes
4 of Children's Day be endorsed and applauded, that proponents of Children's Day be encouraged
5 to bring Children's Day to South Dakota, and that May third be set aside as Children's Day in
6 South Dakota.