

State of South Dakota

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1008

Introduced by: Representatives Killer, Bordeaux, Deutsch, Feickert, Gibson, Johns, Latterell, Marty, May, McCleerey, Qualm, Russell, Schrempp, and Verchio and Senators Heinert, Bradford, Frerichs, Hunhoff (Bernie), Olson, and Parsley

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Urging Congress and the President to recognize tribal
2 identification cards as a valid form of identification for all official purposes.

3 WHEREAS, tribal identification cards are only issued after a thorough review process that
4 includes proving the applicant's name, date of birth, and lineage, and serves as the most
5 important and first form of identification for many tribal members; and

6 WHEREAS, the large percentage of tribal members living in South Dakota gives the state
7 a significant interest in assuring that all tribal members are able to access an identification card
8 or driver license issued by the state that complies with the federal REAL ID requirements; and

9 WHEREAS, the State of South Dakota recognizes tribal identification cards as sufficient
10 identification for all purposes except issuing a REAL ID compliant identification card or driver
11 license and the state would like to recognize tribal identification cards for those purposes; and

12 WHEREAS, the federal REAL ID Act and regulations prevent the State of South Dakota
13 from recognizing tribal identification cards as a sufficient form of identification for purposes
14 of issuing REAL ID compliant documents; and



1 WHEREAS, the governments of other sovereign nations recognize tribal identification cards
2 as sufficient identification; and

3 WHEREAS, the United States government has a responsibility to protect tribal sovereignty
4 and to fulfill its obligations to the Native American tribes and people:

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Ninetieth
6 Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislature
7 respectfully requests Congress and the President of the United States to recognize tribal
8 identification cards as valid identification for all official purposes, including obtaining a REAL
9 ID compliant identification card or driver license.