

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Supporting the concept and further development of South Dakota First, an initiative for success and development.

WHEREAS, the people of South Dakota are its greatest resource; and

WHEREAS, the need for informed citizens prepared and committed to filling public and private leadership roles and positions continues to grow and requires action to assure that our state has young people prepared to fill these vital leadership and governance positions within our state; and

WHEREAS, South Dakota First is dedicated to celebrating young people who intend to live and work in South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, engagement of the state's young people will help all South Dakotans to live full, well-rounded, productive lives; and

WHEREAS, the future of South Dakota will be improved through enriched community engagement with the confidence and the capacity to respond to changes in science, technology, and society by understanding and adopting new evidence-based ideas; and

WHEREAS, citizen success is assured through experiences that prepare young people to understand their roles in proactive models so they become more enriched as community members while pursuing value added careers in South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, South Dakota First openly differentiates itself from formal education in that it focuses on enhancing individuals for transition to their South Dakota communities; and

WHEREAS, since 1999, the Rural Learning Center, a Section 501(c)(3) Organization located in Miner County, South Dakota, has built a national reputation by assisting rural communities with strategic planning and by taking the lead in promoting and developing rural development; and

WHEREAS, the Rural Learning Center desires to encourage community service and to develop a series of four seminars addressing: (1) local leadership and governance; (2) proactive models of community based problem solving; (3) interdisciplinary critical thinking and research; and (4) apprenticeship, mentorship, and internship experiences to complement formal education experiences; and

WHEREAS, the State of South Dakota has implemented programs that may be modified to serve

as further incentives for South Dakota's young people to participate and embrace an intentional model of proactive citizenship and leadership:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Eighty-seventh Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the South Dakota Legislature supports the development and incentive integration in further development of South Dakota First, an initiative for success and development.

Adopted by the Senate,  
Concurred in by the House of Representatives,

February 9, 2012  
February 13, 2012

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President of the Senate

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