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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1004

Introduced by: Representatives Van Etten, Bradford, Buckingham, Cutler, Deadrick, Dykstra, Elliott, Glenski, Gosch, Hargens, Hills, Hunt, Miles, Nygaard, Peters, Rave, Steele, Van Norman, Weems, Wick, and Willadsen and Senators Hoerth, Abdallah, Albers, Dempster, Garnos, Hauge, Hundstad, Jerstad, Koetzle, Maher, McCracken, Olson (Ed), Schmidt (Dennis), Smidt (Orville), Sutton, Turbak Berry, and Two Bulls

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Encouraging the use of sunscreen and discouraging young
2 persons from using tanning devices.

3 WHEREAS, the American Academy of Dermatology is concerned with the growing trends
4 in the development and incidence of skin cancer; and

5 WHEREAS, radiation from artificial sources, such as tanning beds, is a known human
6 carcinogen; and

7 WHEREAS, ultraviolet radiation from indoor tanning devices can be up to fifteen times
8 greater than what one would be exposed to through moderate outdoor sun exposure; and

9 WHEREAS, one in five Americans will develop some form of skin cancer during their
10 lifetime and one American dies every sixty-five minutes from melanoma, the deadliest form of
11 skin cancer; and

12 WHEREAS, the incidence of melanoma has increased six hundred ninety percent from 1950
13 to 2001; and



1 WHEREAS, skin damage from ultraviolet radiation is cumulative, and its adverse effects,
2 skin cancer and premature aging, often take years to become apparent; and

3 WHEREAS, much of this damage occurs during the teenage years as evidenced by the fact
4 that skin cancer is occurring in younger populations:

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Eighty-
6 Third Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the
7 Legislature recommends that everyone use sunscreen when participating in outdoor activities;
8 and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature urges all parents to be aware of the
10 known health hazards of intentional cosmetic tanning of the skin and recommends that parents
11 encourage their teenagers to restrict their use of tanning devices to decrease the staggering
12 increase in the incidence of melanoma in young people.