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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1015

Introduced by: Representatives Brunner, Deadrick, Kirkeby, Noem, Putnam, Street, Tidemann, and Vanneman and Senators Rhoden, Bartling, Fryslie, Gant, Hansen (Tom), and Maher

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Stating South Dakota's policy on animal identification
2 programs.

3 WHEREAS, the ability to efficiently track food-producing animals from birth to slaughter
4 is vital to safeguarding animal health, protecting the safety of the food supply, and promoting
5 the economic vitality of South Dakota's animal agriculture industry; and

6 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture's National Animal Identification
7 System (NAIS) is a voluntary partnership among producers and government that seeks to
8 provide a uniform animal identification system and ensure a forty-eight-hour trace-back of
9 livestock in the event of a disease outbreak; and

10 WHEREAS, implementing NAIS focuses on animal identification for animal health and
11 disease control purposes; and

12 WHEREAS, Section 1619 of the 2008 federal farm bill focuses on producer confidentiality
13 and safeguarding producer information; and

14 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture has approved a standardized



1 animal identification system that is technology neutral; South Dakota livestock producers
2 acknowledge the importance of partnering with local, state, and federal regulators to create and
3 maintain effective animal disease programs that utilize animal identification; and South Dakota's
4 producers maintain that state control of animal identification and database systems is preferable
5 to federal control:

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Eighty-
7 fourth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the policy
8 of the State of South Dakota is to continue to work with the United States Department of
9 Agriculture and Congress, seeking to ensure that all components of NAIS remain a voluntary
10 animal identification system that adequately protects producer information, and that producer
11 involvement in NAIS shall remain voluntary in South Dakota unless otherwise required by
12 federal law; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the policy of South Dakota is that the South Dakota
14 Animal Industry Board shall maintain control of animal identification systems implemented in
15 South Dakota for animal health purposes, and no state agency may attempt to mandate NAIS
16 for nonvoluntary marketing programs.