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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1005

Introduced by: Representatives Lange, Feickert, and Thompson and Senator Kloucek

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Urging the President of the United States and Congress to
2 pursue a course of disengagement and containment of the forces threatening our homeland
3 security.

4 WHEREAS, the war in Afghanistan has dragged on for eight years at a cost of two hundred
5 twenty-five billion dollars and loss of over eight hundred fifty American lives and over four
6 thousand six hundred wounded; and

7 WHEREAS, the proposal to escalate the conflict is now being implemented adding more
8 "boots on the ground" and billions more in borrowed money; and

9 WHEREAS, highly informed experts from the Cato Institute, the Harvard Kennedy School
10 of Government, and the Rand think tank all advise containment, rather than aggressive attack;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, historically known as the "graveyard of empires," Afghanistan has never
13 allowed outsiders to occupy their country:

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Eighty-
15 fifth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the South



1 Dakota Legislature urges the President of the United States and Congress to heed the advice of
2 knowledgeable skeptics in pursuing a course of disengagement and containment of the forces
3 threatening our homeland security; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we revisit the farewell advice of President Eisenhower
5 to beware of the unwarranted influence of the military-industrial complex which has vested
6 interests in continuing wars for profit and glory; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we urge the President and Congress to follow Lincoln's
8 example during the Civil War by enacting a special income tax on war profiteering to help pay
9 for the conflict.