

# State of South Dakota

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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1024

Introduced by: Representatives Nelson, Anderson, Bolin, Campbell, Craig, Greenfield, Haggar (Don), Haggar (Jenna), Hickey, Kaiser, Kopp, Latterell, Magstadt, May, Olson (Betty), Qualm, Russell, Stalzer, Steele, Verchio, and Westra and Senators Begalka, Jensen, and Otten (Ernie)

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Petitioning President Obama to publicly condemn China  
2 for its aggressive program of cyber warfare and espionage against the United States of  
3 America.

4 WHEREAS, China has a well-documented program of cyber espionage targeted at the  
5 United States military and the defense and civilian industrial base; and

6 WHEREAS, United States national intelligence chief James Clapper said that there is "a  
7 remote chance of a major cyber attack against United States critical infrastructure systems  
8 during the next two years that would result in long-term, wide-scale disruption of services, such  
9 as a regional power outage"; and

10 WHEREAS, CIA Director John Brennan has stated that "the seriousness and the diversity  
11 of the threats that this country faces in the cyber domain are increasing on a daily basis"; and

12 WHEREAS, United States security firm Mandiant reported a unit of China's People's  
13 Liberation Army had stolen hundreds of terabytes of data from at least 141 organizations, mostly  
14 based in the United States; and



1       WHEREAS, National Security Adviser Tom Donilon said that United States businesses are  
2 growing more concerned "about sophisticated, targeted theft of confidential business  
3 information through cyber intrusions emanating from China at a very large scale"; and

4       WHEREAS, these acts threaten the security of South Dakota and the United States and  
5 threaten the world-wide economic competitiveness of our country's industrial base; and

6       WHEREAS, China has denied such reports and says it is a victim of cyber spying by the  
7 United States government; and

8       WHEREAS, President Obama has only indirectly confronted China, and by his refusal to  
9 openly identify China as the primary state actor conducting cyber warfare against the United  
10 States, implicitly encourages their continuance:

11       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Eighty-  
12 Ninth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the South  
13 Dakota Legislature condemns China for its aggressive program of cyber warfare and espionage  
14 against the United States of America, and its denial of those acts; and

15       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the South Dakota Legislature calls on President Obama  
16 to publicly condemn China for its aggressive program of cyber warfare and espionage and to be  
17 clear about how the United States will respond to the use of strategic cyber weapons on  
18 American soil, in the military sphere; and

19       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the South Dakota Legislature calls on President Obama  
20 to begin to match his words with actions and take actions necessary to cause China to cease  
21 these acts.