

State of South Dakota

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1011

Introduced by: Representatives Ahlers, Anderson, Bartels, Bartling, Bordeaux, Brunner, Clark, DiSanto, Goodwin, Gosch, Greenfield (Lana), Hawley, Holmes, Howard, Hunhoff, Jamison, Jensen (Kevin), Johnson, Kaiser, Karr, Lake, Livermont, Lust, Marty, McCleerey, Mickelson, Peterson (Kent), Pischke, Qualm, Ring, Rounds, Schaefer, Schoenfish, Smith, Tulson, Turbiville, Wiese, and Zikmund and Senators Sutton, Cronin, Curd, Frerichs, Haverly, Heinert, Kennedy, Killer, Langer, Maher, Nelson, Nesiba, Peters, Russell, and Tidemann

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Making formal application to the United States Congress
2 to lawfully enable the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide per diem reimbursement
3 to eligible veterans in need of assisted living services.

4 WHEREAS, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is charged with ensuring the health
5 and well-being of the nation's veterans; and

6 WHEREAS, the goals of improving veterans' health outcomes at lower cost by operating
7 effectively and efficiently greatly depends on the continuum of care; and

8 WHEREAS, VA patients are given a Preadmission Screening and Resident Review
9 (PASRR) to help ensure that patients are not inappropriately placed in nursing homes for long-
10 term care; and

11 WHEREAS, assisted living programs are an appropriate and cost-saving option for VA
12 patients but currently the VA does not provide a per diem reimbursement; and



1 WHEREAS, Congress can improve the VA system, broadening access to timely health care
2 while offering greater choice and flexibility to every eligible veteran; and

3 WHEREAS, America's veterans have made enormous sacrifices to support and defend the
4 principles upon which our country was founded. In return for their sacrifices, the United States
5 government has committed itself to providing health care and other benefits for our veterans:

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-
7 Third Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the South
8 Dakota Legislature make formal application to the United States Congress to lawfully enable
9 the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide per diem reimbursement to eligible veterans in
10 need of assisted living services.