

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1005

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Urging the Board of Regents to make hospice care and pain management part of the core curriculum of the University of South Dakota Medical School and requesting the Department of Health to educate the public about the availability of hospice care and pain management for terminally ill persons.

WHEREAS, modern pain management is a relatively new and rapidly growing specialty; and

WHEREAS, the advances in understanding of the mechanisms of pain transmission have been accompanied by the development of new medications and techniques to modulate pain transmission and pain perception; and

WHEREAS, management of nearly all painful conditions can now be achieved, including pain due to cancer; and

WHEREAS, hospice care given in the last days or months of the life of a terminally ill person can, using knowledge of medications and techniques to control pain, provide palliative and supportive care to the person and the person's family in a way that effectively allows death to occur in a dignified and pain-free manner:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-second Legislative Session, the Senate concurring therein, that the Board of Regents be urged to make hospice care and pain management a part of the core curriculum of the University of South Dakota Medical School at Vermillion and that the South Dakota Department of Health be requested to educate the general public about the availability of hospice care and pain management to ease the last days of loved ones.

Adopted by the House of Representatives,
Concurred in by the Senate,

February 15, 1997
February 25, 1997

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