A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Requesting the Department of Corrections to take appropriate action to preserve the prison yard wall at the South Dakota State Penitentiary located in Sioux Falls.

WHEREAS, the State Penitentiary, built as a federal prison in 1881, has been placed on the Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, years of neglect and lack of proper maintenance have brought about the current deteriorating condition of the State Penitentiary's historic wall; and

WHEREAS, inmate labor today should be used to restore the wall just as inmate labor was used over a century ago to construct the very wall which would confine them; and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that the demolition and replacement of the entire wall is unnecessary and a wasteful use of state revenue; and

WHEREAS, security of the general public, prison staff, and inmates must not be compromised:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-fifth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the Department of Corrections do further study and conduct public hearings before dismantling any
more of the existing wall at the State Penitentiary, institute a systematic program of regular
preventive maintenance to ensure the long preservation of this historic site, and provide that any
Sioux quartzite stone salvaged from the wall be warehoused for further public use in Minnehaha
County.