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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1006

Introduced by: Representatives Sigdestad, Burg, Davis, Dennert, Dykstra, Elliott, Faehn, Feinstein, Gassman, Gillespie, Gilson, Hackl, Halverson, Hargens, Hills, Hunt, Lucas, Lust, McLaughlin, Moore, Nelson, Novstrup (Al), Novstrup (David), Rounds, Street, and Thompson and Senators Hoerth, Bartling, Duenwald, Hansen (Tom), Hanson (Gary), Hundstad, Kloucek, Peterson (Jim), Sutton, and Turbak

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Encouraging the Board of Regents to approve the creation
2 of a Mandarin Chinese major curriculum at Northern State University.

3 WHEREAS, the economies of China and Taiwan are two of the fastest growing economies
4 in the world, with gross domestic product growth rates in 2006 of ten and one-half percent and
5 four and four-tenths percent, respectively; and

6 WHEREAS, considering that economic vitality, it is crucial to South Dakota's future that
7 people in our state have the ability to converse with the Chinese and Taiwanese in order to open
8 more markets for South Dakota-made products; and

9 WHEREAS, Mandarin is the official language of both the People's Republic of China and
10 the Republic of China (Taiwan), and Northern State University (NSU) is the home of the South
11 Dakota International Business Institute, the preeminent institute for international business
12 studies in the state; and

13 WHEREAS, Mandarin Chinese instruction would complement the International Business



1 Studies major at NSU and allow our students to compete at a higher level in the global labor
2 market:

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Eighty-
4 second Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the South
5 Dakota Legislature hereby encourages the Board of Regents to approve the creation of a
6 Mandarin Chinese major curriculum at Northern State University.