

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1002

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, To honor and congratulate Barack Obama, the forty-fourth President of the United States of America.

WHEREAS, Barack Obama has already lived a life of exemplary public service, serving individuals and families in Chicago as a community organizer, as a state legislator in the Illinois Legislature, and as a United States Senator; and

WHEREAS, Barack Obama campaigned for the presidency of the United States in 2008, bringing a message of hope and change to millions of Americans while visiting every region of our country, including South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, Barack Obama was duly elected our forty-fourth President by the American people on November 4, 2008; and

WHEREAS, President Obama will on this day take the oath of office and assume the heavy responsibilities and duties of the highest office in our land; and

WHEREAS, President Obama is the first African-American to rise to the highest office in the land, and in pursuit of the office gave new hope and inspiration to all Americans who may have felt excluded, neglected, powerless, or forgotten; and

WHEREAS, President Obama enters office in the midst of troubled economic times that will require cooperation, creativity, patience, and sacrifices from all Americans; and

WHEREAS, this Legislature seeks to work with the Obama Administration to seek bipartisan solutions to improve the economic and social well-being of South Dakotans and citizens of our fellow states; and

WHEREAS, South Dakotans take special pride in President Obama's appointment of Aberdeen native and former United States Senator Tom Daschle as the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Eighty-fourth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that we congratulate the new President and seek to work in a spirit of bipartisanship and cooperation for the benefit of South Dakota and all of America.

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

January 21, 2009
January 23, 2009

Timothy A. Rave
Speaker of the House

Karen Gerdes
Chief Clerk of the House

Dennis Daugaard
President of the Senate

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