



2022 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Concurrent Resolution 605

Introduced by: **Senator V. J. Smith**

1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Celebrating the South Dakota Division of the Izaak**
 2 **Walton League of America for its ideals and accomplishments during one**
 3 **hundred years of conservation leadership.**

4 WHEREAS, on January 14, 1922, fifty-four ambitious sportsmen gathered in Chicago to
 5 discuss the deterioration of America's top fishing streams. Habitat was being destroyed and
 6 the nation's forests and wilderness were vanishing. Understanding that action was needed,
 7 the group formed the Izaak Walton League of America to combat water pollution and protect
 8 the country's forests; and

9 WHEREAS, one hundred years later, the forty-two thousand members of the Izaak Walton
 10 League of America, including more than one thousand five hundred South Dakota members,
 11 build on the successes of those who preceded them, including Ding Darling, Aldo Leopold, and
 12 Joe Penfold. The league is an outspoken advocate for fish and wildlife, and ethical hunting
 13 and angling. The league supports habitat conservation and restoration with fees from hunters,
 14 anglers, and recreational shooters; and

15 WHEREAS, the South Dakota Division of the Izaak Walton League of America has been a
 16 crucial partner in the Izaak Walton League of America's success. Six South Dakotans have
 17 served as national president, with four in the last twenty years. South Dakota members have
 18 strengthened the Izaak Walton League of America at all levels. The South Dakota division
 19 supports science-based, common-sense solutions to conserve our natural resources and for
 20 outdoor recreation in this state; and

21 WHEREAS, the South Dakota division's twelve chapters based across South Dakota
 22 introduce youth and families to conservation and outdoor recreation. Izaak Walton League of
 23 America members build nature trails, restore streams, monitor water quality, conduct river
 24 and road ditch cleanups, and engage in habitat improvement projects. The division chapters
 25 award scholarships to college students working toward natural resource degrees each year;
 26 and

1 WHEREAS, the South Dakota Division of the Izaak Walton League of America embodies
2 grassroots conservation activism with the division's service to defending our water, wildlife,
3 and land. Starting with fifty-four visionary sportsmen and growing to over forty-two thousand
4 members, the Izaak Walton League of America truly deserves to be honored in the division's
5 crusade to better our lands, waters, and outdoor traditions on this one hundredth anniversary
6 year of the Izaak Walton League of America:

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Ninety-Seventh Legislature of the State of
8 South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that congratulations are in
9 order to the South Dakota Division of the Izaak Walton League of America on the Izaak Walton
10 League of America's accomplishments and leadership over the last one hundred years
11 defending America's outdoors and that the Legislature expresses thanks to the South Dakota
12 Division of the Izaak Walton League of America for the division's accomplishments, service,
13 and leadership.