

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. _____

Relating to the death of Timothy Peter Johnson, former Senator for the
State of South Dakota.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. ROUNDS) submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Relating to the death of Timothy Peter Johnson, former
Senator for the State of South Dakota.

Whereas Tim Johnson, a fourth generation South Dakotan,
was born in Canton, South Dakota, and was raised in
Vermillion, South Dakota;

Whereas Tim Johnson graduated from Vermillion High
School, where he held the record for the most touchdowns
ever scored in a single season;

Whereas Tim Johnson earned his bachelors, masters, and
juris doctor degrees from the University of South Da-
kota;

Whereas Tim Johnson was first elected to the State legisla-
ture in 1978, and became the longest-serving public offi-
cial in South Dakota history, serving in the South Da-

kota House, the South Dakota Senate, the Senate, and the House of Representatives before retiring in 2015;

Whereas Tim Johnson served as Chairman of the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate from 2011 to 2015;

Whereas Tim Johnson was honored by the Lakota people with the name “Wacante Ognake”, which means “holds the people in his heart”;

Whereas Tim Johnson, despite suffering a life-threatening brain aneurysm in 2006, served as an inspiration to millions when he returned to work in the Senate, learned to write with his left hand, learned to drive again and then won re-election in 2008;

Whereas Tim Johnson served the people of South Dakota in the Senate and elsewhere for decades with honor and distinction and was known for his work ethic and commitment to South Dakota constituents; and

Whereas Tim Johnson is survived by his wife, Barbara, 3 children, and 8 grandchildren; Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That—

2 (1) the Senate—

3 (A) has heard with profound sorrow and
4 deep regret the announcement of the death of
5 the Honorable Timothy Peter Johnson, former
6 member of the Senate;

7 (B) respectfully requests that the Sec-
8 retary of the Senate—

- 1 (i) communicate this resolution to the
2 House of Representatives; and
3 (ii) transmit an enrolled copy thereof
4 to the family of the deceased; and
5 (2) when the Senate adjourns today, it stand
6 adjourned as a further mark of respect to the mem-
7 ory of the Honorable Timothy Peter Johnson.