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Introduced by

1 A concurrent resolution urging Congress to pay for depredation, personal injury damage, and  
2 property damage caused by elk that move from the Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

3 **WHEREAS**, in 1985 the National Park Service brought 47 elk to this state and located  
4 the elk in the south unit of the Theodore Roosevelt National Park; and

5 **WHEREAS**, in 1999 the North Dakota Game and Fish Department counted a total of  
6 410 elk in the Theodore Roosevelt National Park; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the high number and nature of elk within the park results in elk, especially  
8 bull elk, leaving the park; and

9 **WHEREAS**, elk cause severe depredation to planted crops and stored feed of the  
10 agricultural producers in close proximity to the park; and

11 **WHEREAS**, elk may be involved in motor vehicle crashes injuring people and property;  
12 and

13 **WHEREAS**, elk that leave the Theodore Roosevelt National Park can be identified by  
14 ear tags, microchips, and other means;

15 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF**  
16 **NORTH DAKOTA, THE \_\_\_\_\_ CONCURRING THEREIN:**

17 That the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to  
18 pay for depredation, personal injury damage, and property damage caused by elk that move  
19 from the Theodore Roosevelt National Park; and

20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this  
21 resolution to the director of the National Park Service, the Secretary of the Department of the  
22 Interior, and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.