

# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

## CHAPTER 680

### SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4001

(Legislative Council)  
(Budget Section)

A concurrent resolution authorizing the Budget Section of the Legislative Council to hold the required legislative hearings on state plans for the receipt and expenditure of new or revised block grants passed by Congress.

**WHEREAS**, the Congress of the United States enacted the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 creating the community services block grant program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislative Assembly is required to conduct public hearings; and

**WHEREAS**, the Appropriations Committees have met the public hearing requirement for community services block grant moneys expected for the next biennium by the Department of Commerce; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly cannot hold public hearings on revisions to current block grants or additional block grants that may be approved by Congress after the recess or adjournment of the Legislative Assembly; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislative Assembly will not meet in regular session during 2010 and thus its public hearing responsibility for grants not approved by the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly must be delegated to a legislative entity;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:**

That the Department of Commerce appropriation bill enacted by the Legislative Assembly is the Legislative Assembly's approval of and contains directions regarding the use of community services block grant moneys for the period ending September 30, 2011; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Budget Section of the Legislative Council may hold the public legislative hearings required for the receipt of additional block grants or other federal moneys under the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 or other relevant federal statutes; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the authority granted by this resolution is in effect during the period from the recess or adjournment of the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly through September 30, 2011, and the Budget Section may provide public notice and hold the hearings authorized by this resolution using the methods and procedures it deems appropriate.

Filed April 20, 2009

**CHAPTER 681****SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4002**

(Legislative Council)  
(Workforce Committee)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the state's workforce system, the feasibility and desirability of enacting legislation to address the issues identified in the 2007-08 interim Workforce Committee's consultant's report, and the implementation of workforce initiatives enacted by the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly.

**WHEREAS**, during the 2007-08 interim the Legislative Council's Workforce Committee studied the state's system for addressing workforce needs through a workforce system initiative that included receipt of agency reports regarding implementation of workforce legislation enacted during the 2007 legislative session, active participation in five focus groups across the state, and active participation in the Workforce Congress; and

**WHEREAS**, the Workforce Committee contracted with Thomas P. Miller and Associates to facilitate the focus groups and the Workforce Congress and to provide a report summarizing information gathered, prioritizing workforce-related action items, and identifying workforce system policy and implementation options and recommendations; and

**WHEREAS**, the interim Workforce, Education, and Higher Education Committees held a joint meeting to address workforce-related committee activities in order to coordinate workforce study activities; and

**WHEREAS**, although the Workforce, Education, and Higher Education Committees approved and recommended legislative packages addressing workforce-related issues, there are significant workforce action items in the Thomas P. Miller and Associates report which have not been fully addressed and which warrant additional legislative study and consideration;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:**

That the Legislative Council study the state's workforce system, the feasibility and desirability of enacting legislation to address the issues identified in the 2007-08 interim Workforce Committee's consultant's report, and the implementation of workforce initiatives enacted by the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the Sixty-second Legislative Assembly.

Filed April 20, 2009

**CHAPTER 682****SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4003**

(Legislative Council)  
(Workforce Committee)

A concurrent resolution expressing support for the development of a balanced national immigration policy and urging Congress to work to develop an immigration policy that protects and preserves the safety and interests of the United States and its citizens while also recognizing the needs of businesses to have a stable and legal supply of workers.

**WHEREAS**, North Dakota's economy is growing and as a result there are approximately 15,000 unfilled jobs in the state; and

**WHEREAS**, three population trends affecting the state--rural depopulation, outmigration of young adults and young families, and an increasing proportion of the elderly--are contributing toward a difficulty in businesses meeting workforce needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States generally, and North Dakota specifically, will be facing demographic challenges related to decreasing numbers of high school graduates; and

**WHEREAS**, continued economic growth in this state and this country is dependent on businesses being able to access and rely on a stable and legal workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, current immigration law does not address United States labor shortages or marketplace dynamics; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to working to eliminate current visa backlogs, there are steps that could be taken at the federal level to help address workforce-related immigration issues, including:

- Increasing annual immigrant visa caps;
- Streamlining the processing of visas; and
- Expediting work authorization for foreign nationals who are awarded university-level degrees from United States institutions in order to ensure the benefits of the educational investment the country has made in these individuals remain in our country; and

**WHEREAS**, workforce-related immigration challenges are being experienced nationwide;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:**

That the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly expresses support for the development of a balanced national immigration policy and urges the Congress of the United States to work to develop an immigration policy that protects and

preserves the safety and interests of the United States and its citizens while also recognizing the needs of businesses to have a stable and legal supply of workers; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the United States Department of Homeland Security, and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

Filed April 20, 2009

**CHAPTER 683****SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4004**

(Senator Dever)

(Representative R. Kelsch)

A concurrent resolution designating Senate and House employment positions and fixing compensation.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:**

That for the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly, the following positions are designated as employee positions of the Senate and House and are to be paid the daily wages indicated:

SENATE	
Secretary of the Senate	\$146
Assistant secretary of the Senate	129
Journal reporter	142
Calendar clerk	129
Bill clerk	123
Sergeant-at-arms	114
Administrative assistant to majority leader	134
Staff assistant to majority leader	134
Administrative assistant to minority leader	134
Staff assistant to minority leader	134
Chief committee clerk	134
Appropriations Committee clerk	134
Assistant Appropriations Committee clerk	129
Committee clerk for three-day committee	129
Committee clerk for two-day committee	120
Assistant committee clerk	120
Deputy sergeant-at-arms	94
Chief page and bill book clerk	104
Legislative assistant	89
HOUSE	
Chief clerk	\$146
Assistant chief clerk	129
Journal reporter	142
Calendar clerk	129
Bill clerk	123
Sergeant-at-arms	114
Administrative assistant to majority leader	134
Staff assistant to majority leader	134
Administrative assistant to minority leader	134
Staff assistant to minority leader	134
Administrative assistant to Speaker	134
Chief committee clerk	134
Appropriations Committee clerk	134
Assistant Appropriations Committee clerk	129
Committee clerk for three-day committee	129

Committee clerk for two-day committee	120
Assistant committee clerk	120
Payroll clerk	109
Deputy sergeant-at-arms	94
Chief page and bill book clerk	104
Legislative assistant	89

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that each employee of the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly is entitled to an additional \$1 per day for each previous regular session of the Legislative Assembly during which that employee was paid for at least 45 days, as either an employee of the Senate or the House, and to receive this additional compensation, which may not exceed \$10 per day, that employee must certify to the Legislative Council the year of each regular session during which that employee was employed as required by this resolution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that each majority leader and each minority leader is entitled to one administrative assistant and two staff assistants, but each majority or minority leader may hire fewer or more assistants so long as the total daily compensation for the assistants hired does not exceed the total daily amount authorized for those positions by this resolution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the report of the Employment Committee of the respective house identify the number of employees in each position by listing every employee and the position for which employed; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that with the approval of the Employment Committee of the respective house, a position may be converted to a part-time position, with the daily compensation converted to a per hour rate of pay, and a part-time employee may hold more than one part-time position so long as the positions held do not exceed a full-time equivalent position; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that if any employee resigns, is discharged, or for other reasons terminates employment, the compensation provided by this resolution for that employee ceases effective the last day of employment.

Filed January 19, 2009

**CHAPTER 684****SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4006**

(Senators Heckaman, Wardner)  
(Representatives Hunskor, L. Meier, Wolf)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study professional development opportunities for teachers and the most effective and efficient methods of providing professional development opportunities.

**WHEREAS**, standards and accountability in education require high-quality teachers; and

**WHEREAS**, the rapid development and incorporation of new technologies require high-quality teachers; and

**WHEREAS**, the increasing heterogeneity of American students and the challenges that many students bring into the classroom require high-quality teachers; and

**WHEREAS**, to meet the goals of kindergarten through grade 12 education, today's teachers must be superior academicians and pedagogues and also be flexible, adaptable, efficient, and creative; and

**WHEREAS**, today's teachers need professional development opportunities in which teachers can be exposed to new perspectives, learn new skills, and develop new ways of collegial collaboration; and

**WHEREAS**, the need to stay abreast of the changes in teaching takes time, resources, and commitment;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:**

That the Legislative Council study professional development opportunities for teachers and the most effective and efficient methods of providing professional development opportunities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the Sixty-second Legislative Assembly.

Filed April 20, 2009

**CHAPTER 685****SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4008**

(Senators Dever, Flakoll, Marcellais, Oehlke)  
(Representatives L. Meier, Nathe)

A concurrent resolution urging Congress and the President to adopt a veterans remembered flag.

**WHEREAS**, there are flags for all branches of the armed services and flags for prisoners of war and individuals declared missing in action, but there is not a flag to honor the millions of former military personnel who have served our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that 20,400,000 veterans have served in our nation's military; and

**WHEREAS**, a veterans remembered flag would memorialize and honor all past, present, and future veterans and would be a symbol of recognition for a group and an ideal; and

**WHEREAS**, displaying and flying this flag would honor the millions of individuals who have served our country in times of war, peace, and national crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, the symbolism of this unique flag's design would be all inclusive and would pay respect to the history of our nation, to all branches of the military, and honor those who have served or died in the service of our nation;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:**

That the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly urges the Congress and President of the United States to adopt a veterans remembered flag; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the President of the United States and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

Filed April 20, 2009

**CHAPTER 686****SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4009**

(Senators Krebsbach, Nelson, Wardner)  
(Representatives DeKrey, Klein, Kretschmar)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the adequacy of governmental services, including judicial services, to respond to issues related to an aging population, including veterans, and to study the efficacy of statutes governing public administrator services and methods for the timely and effective delivery of guardianship services.

**WHEREAS**, during the 2003-04 interim, a study of guardianship services by the interim Criminal Justice Committee, with the assistance of the North Dakota Guardianship Task Force, identified important deficiencies in the funding and effective delivery of guardianship services; and

**WHEREAS**, legislation recommended by the interim Criminal Justice Committee to address the deficiencies was not enacted and methods for the effective delivery of guardianship services generally, and public guardianship services in particular, remain uncertain, inconsistent, and lacking in sufficient funding; and

**WHEREAS**, state law governing public administrators, a critically important form of public guardianship, is vague and incomplete with respect to services to be provided, levels of supervision, general accountability, the responsibility to adequately compensate those who are appointed to serve as public administrators, and the role of the courts in responding to unique issues associated with an aging population; and

**WHEREAS**, the Administrative Committee on Veterans' Affairs sees a need to study issues of public administrator services and methods for the timely and effective delivery of guardianship services as it relates to the aging veteran population of this state; and

**WHEREAS**, other states have considered or implemented different models for the provision of public guardianship services to ensure adequate services, oversight, and the availability of qualified individuals to provide guardianship services;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:**

That the Legislative Council study the adequacy of governmental services, including judicial services, to respond to issues related to an aging population, including veterans, and to study the efficacy of statutes governing public administrator services and methods for the timely and effective delivery of guardianship services; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the Sixty-second Legislative Assembly.

**CHAPTER 687****SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4010**

(Senators Mathern, Lyson)  
(Representatives Boe, Kroeber, Nelson)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study mass, public, and special needs transportation, including the creation of local passenger rail transportation and bus transportation within this state.

**WHEREAS**, the cost of transportation by automobile is unpredictable due to the volatility in the price of petroleum products; and

**WHEREAS**, passenger rail and bus provide a fuel-efficient transportation system, helping to reduce America's dependence on foreign oil; and

**WHEREAS**, shifting transportation to mass and public transportation will lessen the burden of transportation on the overstressed transportation programs in this state; and

**WHEREAS**, there are individuals with disabilities and issues due to aging which raise barriers to transportation and who have special transportation needs that may be met with a voucher program; and

**WHEREAS**, this state is a member of the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact, the purpose of which is to promote passenger rail service in the Midwest, and an effort to combine a seamless local rail and bus transportation system with a regional system would provide an energy-efficient and cost-effective means of travel throughout the region and, combined with the Amtrak system, throughout the nation;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:**

That the Legislative Council study mass, public, and special needs transportation, including the creation of local passenger rail transportation and bus transportation within this state; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the Sixty-second Legislative Assembly.

Filed April 20, 2009

**CHAPTER 688****SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4011**

(Senators J. Lee, Bakke, Bowman)  
(Representatives Grande, Nelson, Potter)

A concurrent resolution declaring Friday, February 6, 2009, "National Wear Red Day" in North Dakota and encouraging all citizens to wear red to raise awareness of cardiovascular disease.

**WHEREAS**, diseases of the heart are the nation's leading cause of death and stroke is the third leading cause of death; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2008 the direct and indirect cost of cardiovascular diseases in the United States, including stroke, is estimated to be \$475.3 billion; and

**WHEREAS**, each year, 53 percent of all deaths due to cardiovascular disease and 61 percent of stroke deaths occur in females; and

**WHEREAS**, more women die of heart disease, stroke, and all other cardiovascular diseases than the next five leading causes of death combined, including all cancers; and

**WHEREAS**, Go Red For Women is the American Heart Association's national call to increase awareness about heart disease--the leading cause of death for women--and to inspire women to take charge of their heart health; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2006 the Dakota Medical Foundation and the American Heart Association launched a multiyear \$1.25 million Go Red North Dakota Initiative; and

**WHEREAS**, over 10,000 North Dakota women have joined the Go Red movement; and

**WHEREAS**, while nationally only 21 percent of women consider cardiovascular disease their greatest health risk, the Go Red North Dakota Initiative resulted in 88.7 percent of North Dakota women recognizing heart disease as the leading cause of death; and

**WHEREAS**, all women should learn their own personal risk for heart disease, using tools such as the American Heart Association's Go Red For Women Heart CheckUp and by talking to their health care providers; and

**WHEREAS**, making the right choices relating to proper nutrition, physical activity, doctor visits, and other lifestyle methods is essential to living a heart healthy life;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:**

That the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly, in recognition of the importance of the ongoing fight against heart disease and stroke, commends the North Dakota communities, worksites, and statewide ambassadors who have joined the Dakota

Medical Foundation and American Heart Association Go Red North Dakota Initiative; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly declares Friday, February 6, 2009, "National Wear Red Day" in North Dakota and urges all citizens to show their support for women and the fight against heart disease by commemorating this day by wearing the color red to increase awareness and to empower women to reduce their risk for cardiovascular disease; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the Governor, the Dakota Medical Foundation, the American Heart Association, and each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

Filed February 5, 2009

**CHAPTER 689****SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4014**

(Senator Wardner)

A concurrent resolution recognizing October 15 as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day.

**WHEREAS**, each year, approximately one million pregnancies in the United States end in miscarriage, stillbirth, or the death of a newborn baby; and

**WHEREAS**, it is a great tragedy to lose the life of a child; and

**WHEREAS**, even the shortest lives are still valuable, and the grief of those who mourn the loss of these lives should be remembered by a compassionate public; and

**WHEREAS**, Governors of all 50 states have signed proclamations designating October 15 as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day; and

**WHEREAS**, the legislatures of the states of Arkansas, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, New York, Rhode Island, and South Dakota have passed concurrent resolutions recognizing October 15 of each year as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day; and

**WHEREAS**, the observance of Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day may provide comfort to those who have lost a child through miscarriage, stillbirth, or other complications; and

**WHEREAS**, recognizing Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day would enable the public to consider how, as individuals and communities, they can meet the needs of bereaved mothers, fathers, and family members, and work to prevent the causes of these deaths; and

**WHEREAS**, October 15 of each year is an appropriate day to observe Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:**

That the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly recognizes October 15 as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day, supports the goals and ideals of National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day, and requests that the Governor issue an annual proclamation calling upon the people of North Dakota to observe that day with appropriate compassion, programs, and activities.

Filed April 20, 2009

**CHAPTER 690****SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4015**

(Senator Mathern)  
(Representatives Nelson, Zaiser)

A concurrent resolution directing the Industrial Commission to conduct a study of the economic impacts of proposed federal, regional, and state carbon cap and trade systems, including the Minnesota Next Generation Energy Act of 2007.

**WHEREAS**, North Dakota has over an 800-year supply of secure and economically recoverable lignite; and

**WHEREAS**, North Dakota receives over \$100 million of annual tax revenue from the lignite industry; and

**WHEREAS**, North Dakota lignite is used to generate electricity for more than two million people in the Northern Great Plains Region and to produce synthetic natural gas from coal that heats 400,000 homes and businesses in Eastern states; and

**WHEREAS**, agriculture is a major industry in North Dakota and is dependent on carbon-based fuels; and

**WHEREAS**, North Dakota's citizens are dependent on fossil fuel-based electricity generation; and

**WHEREAS**, federal, regional, and state initiated cap and trade systems will have a disproportional negative effect on the North Dakota economy; and

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota attempts to regulate greenhouse gas emissions from North Dakota power plants by including emissions from the generation of electricity imported from outside Minnesota and consumed in Minnesota within the definitions of the Minnesota Next Generation Energy Act of 2007; and

**WHEREAS**, should the state of Minnesota not adopt a plan to implement the greenhouse gas emission reduction requirements of the Minnesota Next Generation Energy Act of 2007 by August 1, 2009, the result will be a prohibition against importing fossil fuel-based electricity from new facilities located in North Dakota and entering new long-term power purchase agreements with fossil fuel-based power plants located in North Dakota;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:**

That the Industrial Commission conduct a study of the economic impacts of proposed federal, regional, and state carbon cap and trade systems, including the Minnesota Next Generation Energy Act of 2007; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Industrial Commission report the findings and recommendations of the study to the Legislative Council by September 1, 2010.

Filed April 20, 2009

**CHAPTER 691****SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4016**

(Senators Potter, Krauter, Marcellais)  
(Representatives Kilichowski, S. Meyer, Schmidt)

A concurrent resolution urging the Congress of the United States and the President to enact federal legislation promoting travel to the United States by overseas visitors, thereby promoting the economies of communities across North Dakota and the United States.

**WHEREAS**, travel and tourism generates \$1.7 trillion in economic activity in the United States every year; and

**WHEREAS**, travel and tourism is a powerful economic generator for North Dakota, accounting for \$3.8 billion in visitor spending in the state in 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, travel and tourism promote job creation in North Dakota with as many as 30,240 jobs related to travel and tourism economic activity, 8.6 percent of total employment in the state; and

**WHEREAS**, travel to the United States from overseas destinations has yet to rebound to pre-9/11 levels; and

**WHEREAS**, tourism promotes diplomacy as overseas visitors are more likely to have a favorable opinion of the United States after having visited; and

**WHEREAS**, all major industrialized nations except the United States have national tourism policies and spend significant funds on promoting their destinations overseas, and, in turn, see substantial returns on their investments; and

**WHEREAS**, communities across the state work to promote travel and would benefit from a federal promotion; and

**WHEREAS**, the Travel Promotion Act would benefit North Dakota and every state, create jobs, explain national security procedures, and improve our national image around the world;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:**

That the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States and the President to enact federal legislation promoting travel to the United States by overseas visitors, thereby promoting the economies of communities across North Dakota and the United States; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the President and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

Filed April 20, 2009

**CHAPTER 692****SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4018**

(Senators Wanzek, Miller, Taylor)  
(Representatives D. Johnson, Nelson)

A concurrent resolution recognizing the need for viable and sustainable agricultural practices in this state.

**WHEREAS**, in 2000 the world population was 6 billion and by 2025 it is predicted to reach 8 billion—an increase of 33 percent; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1965 there were 1.1 acres of arable land per person and by 2025 there will be under 0.5 acre per person available for food production; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to accommodate the food needs of a growing world population, it will be important that agricultural producers having operations of all sizes and types explore ways to improve their management practices and focus on using inputs and resources in the most effective and efficient ways possible; and

**WHEREAS**, in order for present-day agricultural producers to leave a legacy of rich, fertile, and productive land to future generations, they should be encouraged to consider incorporating, in their production practices, both the latest scientific research findings and emerging technologies;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:**

That the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly recognizes that agricultural producers of all sizes and types should be encouraged to pursue effective and efficient practices, in order to ensure that agriculture remains viable and sustainable for multiple generations yet to come; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the United States Secretary of Agriculture and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

Filed April 28, 2009

**CHAPTER 693****SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4019**

(Senators Wanzek, Taylor)  
(Representatives Brandenburg, Froelich)

A concurrent resolution urging Congress to examine carefully the known and potential impacts of implementing a national animal identification system.

**WHEREAS**, to protect the health of United States livestock and poultry and the economic well-being of those industries, it is imperative that an animal disease be traced to its source quickly and effectively; and

**WHEREAS**, when a disease outbreak occurs, animal health officials need to know which animals are involved in the outbreak, where the infected animals are located, and what other animals might have been exposed to the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, a rapid disease response means fewer affected producers, less economic loss, greater preservation of marketability, and increases in markets at home and abroad; and

**WHEREAS**, the national animal identification system is an information system intended to help producers and animal health officials respond quickly and effectively to animal disease events in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, concerns still exist regarding the effect that a national animal identification system will have on producers, whether it will impinge upon individual rights and privacy, whether it will increase production costs, and whether it will create a large government bureaucracy;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:**

That the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States and the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture to examine carefully the known and potential impacts that implementation of a national animal identification system will have on producers of all sizes and on the livestock industry, and to encourage voluntary participation and undertake further development of the system only after assurances exist that the concerns are either without foundation or significantly outweighed by the system's benefits; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

Filed April 7, 2009

**CHAPTER 694****SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4020**

(Senators O'Connell, Grindberg, Wardner)  
(Representatives Berg, S. Meyer, Skarphol)

A concurrent resolution urging Congress to preserve the exemption of hydraulic fracturing from the provisions of the Safe Drinking Water Act and to not enact legislation that removes the exemption for hydraulic fracturing.

**WHEREAS**, Congress enacted the Safe Drinking Water Act to ensure the protection of the nation's drinking water sources; and

**WHEREAS**, since enactment of the Safe Drinking Water Act, the Environmental Protection Agency has never interpreted hydraulic fracturing as constituting "underground injection" under the Safe Drinking Water Act; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2004 the Environmental Protection Agency published a final report summarizing a study to evaluate the potential threat to underground sources of drinking water from hydraulic fracturing of coalbed methane production wells and the Environmental Protection Agency concluded that "additional or further study is not warranted at this time..." and that "the injection of hydraulic fracturing fluids into coalbed methane wells poses minimal threat to the underground sources of drinking water"; and

**WHEREAS**, Congress, in the Energy Policy Act of 2005, explicitly exempted hydraulic fracturing from the provisions of the Safe Drinking Water Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission conducted a survey of North Dakota and other oil and gas-producing states which found that there were no known cases of ground water contamination associated with hydraulic fracturing; and

**WHEREAS**, hydraulic fracturing is currently, and has been for decades, a common operation used in exploration and production by the oil and gas industry in North Dakota and all the member states of the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 35,000 wells are hydraulically fractured annually in the United States, and close to one million wells have been hydraulically fractured in the United States since the technique's inception, with no known harm to ground water; and

**WHEREAS**, the regulation of oil and gas exploration and production activities, including hydraulic fracturing, has traditionally been the province of the states; and

**WHEREAS**, the success of the Bakken Formation and development of domestic oil and gas resources across the United States has been revitalized by technological advancements which include the ability to fracture and stimulate challenging geological formations, such as the Bakken Formation in North Dakota, and thus should not be limited in the absence of any evidence that such fracturing has damaged the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Safe Drinking Water Act was never intended to grant to the federal government authority to regulate oil and gas drilling and production operations, such as "hydraulic fracturing," under the underground injection control program; and

**WHEREAS**, North Dakota and other member states of the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission have adopted comprehensive laws and regulations to provide for safe operations and to protect the nation's drinking water sources and have trained personnel to effectively regulate oil and gas exploration and production; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic production of natural gas will ensure that the United States continues on the path to energy independence; and

**WHEREAS**, regulation of hydraulic fracturing as underground injection under the Safe Drinking Water Act would impose significant administrative costs on the state, substantially increase the cost of drilling oil and gas wells, and potentially stop the development of our state's valuable natural resources, including the Bakken and other formations with no resulting environmental benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, regulation of hydraulic fracturing as underground injection under the Safe Drinking Water Act would increase energy costs to the consumer;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:**

That the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to preserve the exemption of hydraulic fracturing from the provisions of the Safe Drinking Water Act and urges the Congress of the United States not to enact legislation that removes the exemption for hydraulic fracturing; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

Filed April 20, 2009

**CHAPTER 695****SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4021**

(Senators Miller, Wanzek, Klein)  
(Representatives Brandenburg, D. Johnson, S. Meyer)

A concurrent resolution urging Congress to recognize the need for United States Department of Agriculture inspection and regulation of horse processing facilities in the United States.

**WHEREAS**, the loss of governmentally regulated processing facilities in the United States has challenged the ability of public and private sector entities to deal with unwanted horses; and

**WHEREAS**, without economically affordable alternatives, individuals are simply abandoning unwanted horses at sale barns, along country roads, and on public lands; and

**WHEREAS**, the abandonment of horses is done without any regard for the horses' welfare and without regard for damage or injury that can be caused by a freeroaming horse on a road or highway; and

**WHEREAS**, the abandonment of horses on public lands may negatively impact herds of wild horses including the introduction of congenital defects and diseases; and

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that more than 100,000 horses are unwanted by their owners;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:**

That the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly urges Congress to recognize the need for United States Department of Agriculture inspection and regulation of horse processing facilities in the United States and to allow the transportation and processing of horses and the marketing and exportation of safe and wholesome horse meat; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the United States Secretary of Agriculture, the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress, the chairmen of the Senate and House Agriculture Committees, and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

Filed April 20, 2009

**CHAPTER 696****SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4022**

(Senators Krauter, Seymour)

(Representatives Amerman, Ekstrom, Wolf)

A concurrent resolution urging Congress and the President of the United States to enact federal legislation to repeal perverse federal tax subsidies to United States companies that move manufacturing operations and American jobs offshore.

**WHEREAS**, the United States has lost millions of manufacturing jobs over the past eight years; and

**WHEREAS**, federal tax laws actually grant a United States company that closes down a United States manufacturing plant, fires its American workers, and moves those jobs to countries like China a large tax break; and

**WHEREAS**, the Internal Revenue Code allows these firms to defer paying any United States income taxes on the earnings from those now foreign-manufactured products until those profits are returned, if ever, to this country; and

**WHEREAS**, this wrong-headed deferral tax break rewards United States firms that move their production overseas and then turn around and import those products back to the United States for sale; and

**WHEREAS**, this deferral tax break puts companies on American main streets at a competitive disadvantage and has contributed to the loss of millions of good-paying American manufacturing jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, repealing this jobs export tax subsidy will not hinder the ability of United States firms to compete against foreign competitors in foreign markets; and

**WHEREAS**, nonpartisan tax policy experts have estimated that this tax subsidy will waste \$15.5 billion of tax revenues paid by hard-working taxpayers over the next 10 years;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:**

That the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States and the President to enact federal legislation to repeal perverse federal tax subsidies to United States companies that move manufacturing operations and American jobs offshore; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the President of the United States and each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

Filed April 7, 2009

**CHAPTER 697****SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4026**

(Senators Dever, Oehlke, Stenehjem)  
(Representatives Clark, Dosch, L. Meier)  
(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

A concurrent resolution commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America.

**WHEREAS**, on February 8, 1910, Chicago businessman William D. Boyce incorporated the Boy Scouts of America after learning of the successful scouting program begun in Great Britain by Sir Robert S. S. Baden-Powell; and

**WHEREAS**, the scouting movement has grown from 2,000 youth members and adult volunteers in 1910 to nearly 4 million nationwide today; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 112 million members have participated in the scouting program since its inception; and

**WHEREAS**, William D. Boyce had significant ties to North Dakota, serving as a newspaper reporter, owner, and editor in Fargo and Lisbon in the 1880s; and

**WHEREAS**, North Dakota's own adopted son, President Theodore Roosevelt, was an enthusiastic early supporter of the Boy Scouts; and

**WHEREAS**, President Roosevelt was named the Boy Scouts of America's first honorary vice president and its first and only designated "Chief Scout Citizen"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Boy Scouts' slogan is "do a good turn daily"; and

**WHEREAS**, the "good turns" done by scouts throughout North Dakota and America have had a meaningful impact on the well-being of the people of our state and nation; and

**WHEREAS**, scouts including our nation's first scout President John F. Kennedy and our nation's first Eagle Scout President Gerald R. Ford have made an impact on our nation and world; and

**WHEREAS**, although Boy Scouting's methods have adapted over the years, its core mission of character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness has remained the same; and

**WHEREAS**, the Boy Scouts of America is committed to helping millions of youth succeed by providing the support, friendship, and mentoring necessary to live happy and fulfilling lives; and

**WHEREAS**, countless North Dakotans have volunteered and continue to volunteer their time, talent, and financial support to advance the mission of scouting; and

**WHEREAS**, these volunteers selflessly serve young people in their communities through the organizations chartered by the Boy Scouts of America to use the program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Northern Lights Council of the Boy Scouts of America will be holding its 100th anniversary celebration on the North Dakota Capitol grounds June 4-6, 2010;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:**

That the state of North Dakota commemorates the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the state of North Dakota congratulates and thanks the Boy Scouts of America and its volunteers for the tremendous and positive impact it has on the young people and future of North Dakota.

Filed April 7, 2009

**CHAPTER 698****SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4027**

(Senators Taylor, Flakoll, Olafson)  
(Representatives Belter, Boe, Froelich)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the leasing of state lands.

**WHEREAS**, state lands in North Dakota are managed by the Board of University and School Lands or the Land Department; and

**WHEREAS**, currently these lands are leased at public auction for a maximum lease term of five years; and

**WHEREAS**, state lands have been sold in the past; and

**WHEREAS**, whether and to what extent a preference is given to the lessee should be reviewed; and

**WHEREAS**, extending the lease term from five years to seven or ten years may be more efficient in that it would reduce the cost of land auctions and encourage lessees to make improvements that they otherwise would not make under a shorter lease term; and

**WHEREAS**, promoting policies that encourage good land stewardship would be beneficial to the state;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:**

That the Legislative Council study the leasing of state lands; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the Sixty-second Legislative Assembly.

Filed April 20, 2009

**CHAPTER 699****SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4028****(Senator Grindberg)**

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the charitable gaming laws to determine whether the laws regarding taxation, limitations, enforcement, conduct, and play of charitable gaming are fair, adequate, and appropriate.

**WHEREAS**, since the advent of charitable gaming in the state in 1977, charitable gaming has generated significant revenue for the state and has provided a vital source of revenue to numerous charitable organizations throughout the state; and

**WHEREAS**, due to increased competition and other factors, the charitable gaming industry has experienced a decline of activity over the past several years; and

**WHEREAS**, a comprehensive review of the state's charitable gaming laws has not been conducted since the 1993-94 interim; and

**WHEREAS**, a thorough review of laws governing charitable gaming is necessary to assure that laws regarding taxes, expense limitations, enforcement, conduct, and play of charitable games are adequate to govern charitable gaming under current conditions;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:**

That the Legislative Council study the charitable gaming laws to determine whether the laws regarding taxation, limitations, enforcement, conduct, and play of charitable gaming are fair, adequate, and appropriate; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the Sixty-second Legislative Assembly.

Filed April 7, 2009

**CHAPTER 700****SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4033**

(Senators Stenehjem, Andrist, Freborg)  
(Representatives Carlson, Dosch, Thoreson)  
(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

A concurrent resolution urging the North Dakota Congressional Delegation and the Congress of the United States to support worker freedom by opposing the federal Employee Free Choice Act and any of the Act's related components.

**WHEREAS**, the right to a private secret ballot is fundamental to our representative republic and should not be infringed upon; and

**WHEREAS**, state and federal law requires elections for public office or public votes on initiatives and referenda be by private secret ballot; and

**WHEREAS**, passage of the federal Employee Free Choice Act could infringe upon the rights of individuals to have a private ballot election; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal Employee Free Choice Act's mandatory binding arbitration provisions would deny workers the right to participate in the collective bargaining process between employees and the union; and

**WHEREAS**, any effort to eliminate private elections jeopardizes the free speech rights of business and workers' individual rights; and

**WHEREAS**, North Dakota is a right-to-work state;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:**

That the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly urges the North Dakota Congressional Delegation and the Congress of the United States to support worker freedom by opposing the federal Employee Free Choice Act and any of the Act's related components; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly expresses opposition to "card check" legislation such as the federal Employee Free Choice Act, finding such legislation is detrimental to the rights of workers and is an offense against democratic principles; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

Filed April 28, 2009

**CHAPTER 701****SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4034**

(Senator Stenehjem)

(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

A concurrent resolution urging the Secretary of the Treasury to authorize the placement of the image of President Theodore Roosevelt on the obverse of the quarters in the national parks quarter dollar series.

**WHEREAS**, the America's Beautiful National Parks Quarter Dollar Coin Act authorizes five quarters per year for at least the next 11 years, with each quarter design to be emblematic of a national park or other national site in each state, the District of Columbia, and each territory of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, President Theodore Roosevelt had a passion and crusaded for conservation and national sites, setting aside 42 million acres of national forests and over 50 national wildlife refuges, more than all of his predecessors combined; and

**WHEREAS**, the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee has unanimously endorsed the placement of the image of President Theodore Roosevelt on the obverse of the national parks quarters; and

**WHEREAS**, a member of the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee has noted that although the National Park System and all Americans in turn arguably owe President Theodore Roosevelt a greater debt of gratitude for his ecological commitment than to any other President, President Theodore Roosevelt has never appeared on a circulating United States coin;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:**

That the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly urges the Secretary of the Treasury to authorize the placement of the image of President Theodore Roosevelt on the obverse of the quarters in the national parks quarter dollar series; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the Secretary of the Treasury, the President of the United States, and each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

Filed April 17, 2009

**CHAPTER 702****SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4035**

(Senators Grindberg, Anderson, Fischer)  
(Representatives Carlson, J. Kelsh, Thoreson)  
(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

A concurrent resolution urging Congress to establish the Red River Valley Authority as an agency or authorized board of the federal government for the purpose of the regulation and control of water quality of the Red River and regulation and control of the retention and flow of water, including retention by dams or retention ponds or other areas, and of drainage on the Red River.

**WHEREAS**, the Red River of the North and its contributing tributaries and watershed have experienced repeated problems with massive dangerous and destructive flooding, which has seriously threatened the health, safety, and welfare of citizens along the Red River and caused damage to the property of citizens of federal, state, and local government; and

**WHEREAS**, the repeated flooding and threat of flooding has required an extraordinary level of time, money, and resources of state, local, and federal government in fighting and recovering from the repeated floods which, in terms of financial impact, may exceed \$200,000,000 for the flood event of spring 2009 and which cumulatively over the past 12 years is estimated to have had a financial impact in the hundreds of millions of dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, there exists certain regulatory conflicts between urban and rural areas and between different states affected by the Red River and its contributing tributaries, excluding the Souris Basin, such that water quality and quantity concerns are not being consistently addressed, regulated, or enforced; and

**WHEREAS**, the states of Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota are affected by and therefore have an interest in the control of the volume and flow of water and the retention of water in the Red River as well as the quality of water in the Red River; and

**WHEREAS**, there are differences in the procedures and regulations of Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota pertaining to the governance and procedures establishing rules for the control of water quality, water flow, water retention, and the enforcement of those laws and rules; and

**WHEREAS**, the circumstances described in this resolution constitute a matter of interstate concern which the federal government is uniquely able to address;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:**

That the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to establish the Red River Valley Authority as an agency or authorized board of the federal government for the purpose of the regulation and control of water quality of the Red River and regulation and control of the retention and flow of water, including retention by dams or retention ponds or other areas, and of drainage on the Red River; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Congressional Act establishing the Red River Valley Authority provide a process for the President of the United States to appoint members selected by the Governors of the states of Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota with the board consisting of not more than nine members, four from Minnesota, four from North Dakota, and one from South Dakota and with all but two members being residents of the area serviced by the Red River Valley Authority and with a provision that requires the Governors to select the board members representing individual citizens; individuals representing business, industry, labor, electric power distribution, the environment, cities, and service organizations; and the Congressional Delegations of the states of Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota in selecting qualified members to serve on the board; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the President of the United States; the Governors of Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota; and to each member of the Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota Congressional Delegations.

Filed April 28, 2009

**CHAPTER 703****SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4036**

(Senators Klein, Wanzek)

(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

A concurrent resolution urging the United States Department of Agriculture to implement livestock indemnity program regulations that account for the fair market value of newborn calves and their cost of production.

**WHEREAS**, the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 included a Supplemental Agriculture Disaster Assistance Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the provisions governing indemnity for livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality because of adverse weather are based on seventy-five percent of a fair market value, as determined by the United States Secretary of Agriculture; and

**WHEREAS**, severely cold temperatures, excessive snowfall, and flood conditions have marked the early months of 2009 and resulted in innumerable livestock losses and abnormally high newborn livestock losses; and

**WHEREAS**, indemnity provisions that base losses on the market value of a newborn calf fail to account for the cost of production of that calf and the impact that such a loss has on the ranchers of this state, their families, and their communities;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:**

That the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly urges the United States Department of Agriculture to develop and implement, as quickly as possible, regulations governing its livestock indemnity program and ensure that the program's indemnification calculations take into account the fair market value of each newborn calf and its cost of production; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the United States Secretary of Agriculture and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

Filed April 20, 2009

**CHAPTER 704****SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4037**

(Senators Nething, Stenehjem, O'Connell)  
(Representatives Carlson, Boucher)  
(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

A concurrent resolution recognizing and appreciating the flood fighting and cleanup efforts in this state during the spring of 2009.

**WHEREAS**, record amounts of snowfall were followed by catastrophic flooding in the spring of 2009 on the Red, Missouri, Souris, Cannonball, James, Pipestem, Sheyenne, Knife, Heart, Des Lacs, and Park Rivers and Big Beaver Creek and other rivers and creeks throughout the state; and

**WHEREAS**, flood fighting efforts involved the North Dakota National Guard, Army, Coast Guard, Air Force, Army Corps of Engineers, county and city leaders and employees, and hundreds of volunteers, including many college and high school students; and

**WHEREAS**, our National Guard and all volunteers were supported in flood fighting efforts through supportive employers and educational institutions; and

**WHEREAS**, flood fighting efforts were organized and supported by fraternal and service organizations, employers, churches and other religious organizations, and the American Red Cross, Salvation Army, and other nonprofit organizations by providing food, shelter, and support for the flood fighting efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the cleanup process is being completed through organizations and individuals moved to help their neighbors in a time of need, including Operation Blessing, the Billy Graham Rapid Response Team, Samaritan's Purse, the Nechama Jewish Response Team, and many local churches and other groups;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:**

That the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly recognizes and appreciates the flood fighting and cleanup efforts during the spring of 2009; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly recognizes, and requests the Governor to proclaim, June 14, 2009, as a day of recognition to express appreciation for the great and noble effort to fight and clean up after the floods during the spring of 2009; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the groups and organizations identified in this resolution.

Filed April 29, 2009