Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Tuesday, the fifth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3033 (Representatives Solberg, Drovdal, Kerzman, Meyer, Stefonowicz) (Senator Lyson)

A concurrent resolution urging Congress to raise the cap on marketing loans available to farmers and to adopt a cost of production index adjustment mechanism.

WHEREAS, farm families and rural communities are suffering an economic downturn similar to the farm crisis of the 1980s; and

WHEREAS, farmers in this state and elsewhere have had to contend with prolonged periods of disastrous weather and crop disease; and

WHEREAS, the 1996 farm bill replaced the previous system of farm income protection with a set of fixed, but declining, payments unrelated to commodity prices and capped commodity marketing loan rates; and

WHEREAS, providing for a cap on commodity marketing loan rates which would reflect cost of production would provide immediate assistance to farm families;

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

That the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to raise the cap on marketing loans available to farmers and to adopt a cost of production index adjustment mechanism; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the Secretary of Agriculture, the chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, the chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

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Speaker of the House	President of the Senate
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