A concurrent resolution urging Congress to acknowledge the difference between the marijuana

Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3038

Introduced by

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2	plant and the agricultural crop known as industrial hemp; to acknowledge that allowing and
3	encouraging farmers to produce industrial hemp will improve the balance of trade by promoting
4	domestic sources of industrial hemp; and to assist United States producers by clearly
5	authorizing the commercial production of industrial hemp and by being the leading advocate for
6	the industrial hemp industry.
7	WHEREAS, industrial hemp refers to varieties of the cannabis plant which have a low
8	content of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and that are cultivated for fiber and oil; and
9	WHEREAS, industrial hemp should not be confused with varieties of cannabis which
10	have a high content of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and which are commonly referred to as
11	marijuana; and
12	WHEREAS, the commercial production and cultivation of industrial hemp is now
13	permitted in Canada, under licenses and authorizations issued by Health Canada; and
14	WHEREAS, Health Canada controls, through rules, all activities relating to the
15	importation, exportation, possession, production, sale, provision, transport, sending, delivering
16	and offering for sale of industrial hemp; and
17	WHEREAS, industrial hemp is grown legally throughout Europe and Asia; and
18	WHEREAS, many farmers facing uncertain times in the agricultural marketplace view
19	the reintroduction of industrial hemp as another potential alternative crop that will have
20	long-term economic benefits to the farmers who produce the hemp and the persons who utilize
21	hemp in the production of textiles, paper products, concrete reinforcement, automobile parts,
22	plastics, cosmetics, organic foods and natural body products; and
23	WHEREAS, Congress never originally intended to prohibit the production of industrial
24	hemp when restricting the production, possession, and use of marijuana;

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 acknowledge the difference between the marijuana plant and the agricultural crop known as industrial hemp; to acknowledge that allowing and encouraging farmers to produce industrial hemp will improve the balance of trade by promoting domestic sources of industrial hemp; and to assist United States producers by clearly authorizing the commercial production of industrial hemp and by being the leading advocate for the industrial hemp industry; and

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