

Fifty-sixth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

Introduced by

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Representative Fairfield

1 A concurrent resolution urging Congress to renegotiate the North American Free Trade
2 Agreement and address tariff equalization, increased market access, sanitary and
3 phytosanitary disputes, methods to facilitate and shorten dispute resolution procedures,
4 methods to encourage American businesses to keep their production operations in the United
5 States, and methods to encourage the location of low-environmental impact and local, culturally
6 friendly production facilities on or near American Indian reservations to access and develop
7 tribal work forces and increase employment opportunities for tribal members.

8 **WHEREAS**, the North American Free Trade Agreement created the world's largest free
9 trade zone with 360 million consumers; and

10 **WHEREAS**, when the North American Free Trade Agreement was to be enacted, our
11 farmers and ranchers were promised a new golden age of expanding trade opportunities, vast
12 new markets for their products and capital and investment in their communities, protection from
13 any potentially adverse effects that might be generated by the North American Free Trade
14 Agreement through safeguard tariff provisions, and provisional relief from dumping actions
15 through adjudication from the International Trade Commission; and

16 **WHEREAS**, safeguard tariff provisions have not stopped the flood of Canadian and
17 Mexican agricultural products into the United States markets, and the International Trade
18 Commission has failed to conduct the monitoring of trade conditions as it had been directed to
19 do by the North American Free Trade Agreement;

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

22 That the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to
23 renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement and address tariff equalization,
24 increased market access, sanitary and phytosanitary disputes, methods to facilitate and
25 shorten dispute resolution procedures, methods to encourage American businesses to keep

1 their production operations in the United States, and methods to encourage the location of
2 low-environmental impact and local, culturally friendly production facilities on or near American
3 Indian reservations to access and develop tribal work forces and increase employment
4 opportunities for tribal members; and

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