

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3038

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution urging Congress to acknowledge the difference between the
2 hallucinogenic drug known as marijuana and the agricultural crop known as industrial hemp; to
3 acknowledge that allowing and encouraging farmers to produce industrial hemp will improve the
4 balance of trade by promoting domestic sources of industrial hemp; and to assist United States
5 producers by clearly authorizing the commercial production of industrial hemp and by being the
6 leading advocate for 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;

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

3 That the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to
4 acknowledge the difference between the hallucinogenic drug known as marijuana and the
5 agricultural crop known as industrial hemp; to acknowledge that allowing and encouraging
6 farmers to produce industrial hemp will improve the balance of trade by promoting domestic
7 sources of industrial hemp; and to assist United States producers by clearly authorizing the
8 commercial production of industrial hemp and by being the leading advocate for the industrial
9 hemp industry; and

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