Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4020

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution urging Congress to remove the cap on marketing loans and reform crop 2 insurance so that farmers experiencing multiyear disasters could have access to adequate 3 coverage. 4 WHEREAS, farm families and rural communities are suffering an economic downturn 5 similar to the farm crisis of the 1980s; and 6 WHEREAS, farmers in this state have had to contend with prolonged periods of 7 disastrous weather and crop disease; and 8 WHEREAS, farmers in this state are experiencing declining crop insurance coverage, 9 thereby further reducing their ability to mitigate against disasters; and 10 WHEREAS, the 1996 farm bill replaced the previous system of farm income protection 11 with a set of fixed, but declining, payments unrelated to commodity prices and capped 12 commodity marketing loan rates; and 13 WHEREAS, removing the cap on the marketing loans and extending the loan terms 14 would provide a way to channel much-needed financial resources to farmers, would protect 15 farm prices without distorting the market, and would provide farmers with market flexibility; 16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE 17 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN: 18 That the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to 19 remove the cap on marketing loans and reform crop insurance so that farmers experiencing 20 multiyear disasters could have access to adequate coverage; and 21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this 22 resolution to the chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, the chairman of the House 23 Agriculture Committee, and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.