

**Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 9, 2001**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4039
(Senators G. Nelson, Krauter)
(Representatives Belter, Boucher)

A concurrent resolution welcoming Miss America 2001 Angela Perez Baraquio to North Dakota and supporting her efforts to promote character education in schools.

WHEREAS, acts of violence by youth have prompted discussions regarding the role of teachers in developing students' core ethics and values; and

WHEREAS, teachers, more than any other adults besides parents, directly influence the character attributes students develop; and

WHEREAS, a renewed emphasis on character education is urgently needed to support the ethical, social, and academic development of students; and

WHEREAS, in addition to focusing attention on the provision of character education, increased value must be placed on teachers; and

WHEREAS, despite the challenges, teachers need support in their efforts to provide positive character development; and

WHEREAS, Angela Perez Baraquio, Miss America 2001, is a professional educator who has dedicated her year as Miss America to communicating the importance of teaching values while valuing teachers;

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

That the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly welcomes Miss America 2001 Angela Perez Baraquio to North Dakota and supports her efforts to promote character education in schools; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to Ms. Angela Perez Baraquio and to the Miss America organization.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2001,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State