

Introduced by

1 A concurrent resolution urging Congress to allow the hunting of elk in the Theodore Roosevelt  
2 National Park under the regulation of the North Dakota game and fish department.

3 **WHEREAS**, from time to time there is an overabundance of elk in the Theodore  
4 Roosevelt National Park and this causes damage to the ecosystem of the park and causes  
5 additional depredation to the crops and feed supplies of agricultural producers near the park;  
6 and

7 **WHEREAS**, the present hunting season in the area surrounding the Theodore  
8 Roosevelt National Park cannot effectively manage the population of elk in the park; and

9 **WHEREAS**, in 2000 over 200 elk were removed from the Theodore Roosevelt National  
10 Park and most were shipped to other states; and

11 **WHEREAS**, it is becoming extremely difficult to transfer elk across state lines due to  
12 disease concerns and decreased demand; and

13 **WHEREAS**, there are no natural predators of elk in the Theodore Roosevelt National  
14 Park or that could be added to the park with the same safety and ease as hunters;

15 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF NORTH**  
16 **DAKOTA, THE \_\_\_\_\_ CONCURRING THEREIN:**

17 That the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to  
18 allow the hunting of elk in the Theodore Roosevelt National Park under the regulation of the  
19 North Dakota game and fish department; and

20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this  
21 resolution to the Director of the National Park Service, the Secretary of the Department of  
22 Interior, and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.