

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4007

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution urging the President and Congress to end the embargo on United
2 States agricultural and manufactured products and expand trade with the Republic of Cuba.

3 **WHEREAS**, the Republic of Cuba is the largest Caribbean Sea-area country and is
4 larger than nearly all of the islands within the Caribbean Sea-area combined; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the Republic of Cuba, like the United States, was a founding signatory of
6 the General Agreement of Tariffs and Trade (GATT) and, unlike the People's Republic of China
7 and Russia, is a member of the World Trade Organization; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Republic of Cuba government-operated companies maintain commercial
9 dealings with approximately 4,500 foreign businesses in more than 100 countries; and

10 **WHEREAS**, as of March 1, 2002, there were reported 403 joint ventures and economic
11 associations established with Republic of Cuba government-operated companies by companies
12 located in 46 countries; and

13 **WHEREAS**, these joint ventures and economic associations involve tourism, oil, mining,
14 product assembly, and agriculture; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the federal Trading with the Enemy Act limits United States exports to the
16 Republic of Cuba to publications, CDs, artwork, donated food and United States Department of
17 Commerce licensed goods; and

18 **WHEREAS**, California, Illinois, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, and Washington have
19 passed resolutions urging the President to end the forty-year-old United States embargo on
20 trade with Cuba; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the United States House of Representatives in July 2002 voted to lift
22 restrictions on travel and remove hurdles to the sale of food and medicine to Cuba;

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

1 That the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly urges the President and Congress to end the
2 embargo on United States agricultural and manufactured products and expand trade with the
3 Republic of Cuba; and

4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
5 resolution to the President of the United States, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the
6 United States Department of Commerce, the Secretary of the United States Department of
7 Agriculture, and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.