

Fifty-eighth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

Introduced by

Senators Klein, Nichols, Taylor

Representatives Brusegaard, Weisz

1 A concurrent resolution urging Congress to adequately fund and the Secretary of Agriculture to
2 expeditiously implement and expand whole-farm cost of production insurance that is based on
3 a producer's actual production cost history.

4 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota is second among states in the use of federal crop insurance
5 products; and

6 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota has experienced several consecutive years of natural
7 disasters that have reduced actual production history; and

8 **WHEREAS**, many producers have found that their level of coverage has eroded or is
9 unavailable as a result of consecutive years of natural disasters; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the current federal crop insurance system, which relies upon production
11 units, price history, and yield history, has been subject to both fraud and abuse; and

12 **WHEREAS**, many producers and lending institutions require more coverage and
13 reliability than can be provided by existing federal crop insurance products and ad hoc disaster
14 spending to cover production costs in the event of catastrophic natural disasters; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the taxpayers of this state and country deserve a more fiscally responsible
16 plan than off-budget emergency spending to deal with catastrophic agricultural losses;

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

19 That the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to
20 adequately fund and the Secretary of Agriculture to expeditiously implement and expand
21 whole-farm cost of production insurance that is based on a producer's actual production cost
22 history; and

23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
24 resolution to the President of the United States, the Secretary of the United States Department
25 of Agriculture, and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.