

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3039

Introduced by

Representative Boucher

1 A concurrent resolution strongly encouraging appropriate state officials to take aggressive
2 action against individuals, organizations, and entities interfering with the development and
3 progress of state water projects, especially the Northwest Area Water Supply Project.

4 **WHEREAS**, areas of the arid west-central region of North Dakota do not enjoy safe
5 drinking water and do not have sufficient quantities of water to ensure a dependable, long-term
6 supply of water that areas to the south currently enjoy; and

7 **WHEREAS**, many cities and rural areas in the Northwest Area Water Supply Project
8 have domestic water supplies of less than desirable quality; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Northwest Area Water Supply Project will pump Missouri River water
10 from Lake Sakakawea as far north as Sherwood, as far east as Bottineau, and as far west as
11 Divide County and supply water to the city of Minot; and

12 **WHEREAS**, using Missouri River water to supply the Northwest Area Water Supply
13 Project will be advantageous in that it will supply a clean and abundant supply of water to the
14 residents of North Dakota, including the far west, providing a more inviting home for potential
15 businesses and industries and strengthening local economies resulting in more and better jobs
16 for North Dakotans; and

17 **WHEREAS**, a safe dependable supply of water is critical to the economic viability of the
18 state and to future economic development; and

19 **WHEREAS**, individuals, organizations, and entities have opposed North Dakota water
20 projects for political rather than scientific reasons;

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

23 That the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly strongly encourages appropriate state
24 officials to take aggressive action against individuals, organizations, and entities interfering with

1 the development and progress of state water projects, especially the Northwest Area Water
2 Supply Project; and

3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
4 resolution to the Governor, State Engineer, each member of the State Water Commission, and
5 the chief of the Environmental Health Section of the State Department of Health.