

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4009

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1 A concurrent resolution urging the United States Department of Agriculture to fully implement
2 the conservation security program of the 2002 Farm Security and Rural Investment Act in order
3 to assist farmers with the cost of conserving vital agricultural resources.

4 **WHEREAS**, the 2002 Farm Security and Rural Investment Act established the
5 conservation security program; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the purpose of the conservation security program is to assist producers of
7 agricultural operations in promoting conservation and improving the quality of soil, water, air,
8 and plant and animal life; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the conservation security program covers the costs of adopting new
10 management, vegetation, and land-based structural practices, as well as costs for maintaining
11 existing land management and vegetative practices; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the conservation security program will reward farmers who are already
13 doing a good job of conserving their farmland and will provide incentives for implementing new
14 practices that will further improve land stewardship; and

15 **WHEREAS**, enrollment by farmers, ranchers, and landowners in the conservation
16 security program was anticipated to deliver \$2 billion over 10 years as scored by the
17 congressional budget office; and

18 **WHEREAS**, concern exists over the potential for the Congress to renege on its earlier
19 spending commitment for the conservation security program; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the conservation security program was designed as a national program
21 available to all producers;

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

24 That the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly urges the United States Department of
25 Agriculture to fully implement the conservation security program of the 2002 Farm Security and

1 Rural Investment Act in order to assist farmers with the cost of conserving vital agricultural
2 resources; and

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