

Fifty-eighth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 4007

Introduced by

Senators Krauter, Nichols, Urlacher

Representatives Kerzman, Mueller, Nelson

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 and
3 to end the travel restrictions that prohibit most United States citizens from visiting the Republic
4 of Cuba.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3 That the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly urges the President and Congress to end the
4 embargo on United States agricultural and manufactured products and expand trade with the
5 Republic of Cuba and to end the travel restrictions that prohibit most United States citizens
6 from visiting the Republic of Cuba; and

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