

**Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2003**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3079
(Representatives Monson, R. Kelsch, Skarphol)
(Senators Freborg, Holmberg, Robinson)
(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

A concurrent resolution urging Congress to continue the Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, more commonly known as the e-rate program.

WHEREAS, Congress has provided for the creation of the Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism to ensure that all eligible schools and libraries in the United States have affordable access to modern telecommunications and information services; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the state of North Dakota are assessed federal universal service fees to support the Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism; and

WHEREAS, the state of North Dakota receives approximately \$2 million per year to assist with the kindergarten through grade 12 operation of the state's wide area network, and schools and libraries in the state receive approximately \$2 million per year to assist with information technology activities;

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

That the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to continue the Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, more commonly known as the e-rate program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the United States Senate and House of Representatives minority and majority leaders and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2003,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State