

Fifty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.

Introduced by

Representative Ruby

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the issues of fairness and
2 equity as they relate to the issuance and enforcement of child visitation orders.

3 **WHEREAS**, approximately 70 percent of the caseload of North Dakota courts involves
4 issues related to family law, including divorce, custody, and visitation as well as modifications to
5 custody and visitation; and

6 **WHEREAS**, every child has a right to be guided, nurtured, and supported emotionally
7 and physically by both parents regardless of the parents' marital status; and

8 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota Century Code Section 14-09-28 provides that each parent of
9 a child has certain rights and duties with respect to custody and visitation; and

10 **WHEREAS**, concerns have been expressed that there are inequities in the enforcement
11 of child visitation orders in the state;

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

14 That the Legislative Council study the issues of fairness and equity as they relate to the
15 issuance and enforcement of child visitation orders; and

16 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and
17 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
18 the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly.