

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3032

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution urging the President of the United States and Congress to fund fully all
2 federal programs and to evaluate carefully the impact of any proposed budget cuts on the men,
3 women, and children of this state who rely and depend on the federal programs for their health,
4 their safety, their education, and their economic well-being.

5 **WHEREAS**, Medicaid is a program jointly funded by the federal and state governments
6 for the purpose of assisting states in providing medical and health-related services to people
7 with limited income; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the community development block grant program helps to ensure decent
9 affordable housing for all, provides services to the most vulnerable in our communities, creates
10 jobs, and expands business opportunities; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the National Science Foundation promotes the progress of science,
12 advances the national health, prosperity, and welfare and secures the national defense; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the rural housing and economic development program provides capacity
14 building at the state and local level and supports innovative housing and economic
15 development activities in rural areas; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the Brownfields economic development initiative stimulates and promotes
17 economic and community development and assists cities with the redevelopment of
18 abandoned, idled, and underused industrial and commercial facilities; and

19 **WHEREAS**, empowerment zones create opportunities for entrepreneurial initiatives,
20 small business expansion, and training for jobs that offer upward mobility; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the initiative for renewal communities provides incentives for new
22 businesses, provides thousands of new jobs, rehabilitates old housing, builds new housing, and
23 changes lives in urban and rural areas; and

24 **WHEREAS**, Pell grants assist undergraduate students based on financial need and
25 serve as the foundation upon which students can build their sources of education aid; and

1 **WHEREAS**, veterans' services provide health benefits, education benefits, burial
2 services, employment services, life insurance, pensions, and home loan guarantees to veterans
3 in this state and across this nation; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Edward Byrne memorial state and local law enforcement assistance
5 grant program is a partnership among federal, state, and local governments to create safer
6 communities through the support of multijurisdictional drug task forces, drug courts, drug
7 education and prevention programs, and other efforts to reduce drug abuse and prosecute drug
8 offenders; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Agriculture programs facilitate the
10 marketing of agricultural products; promote research; provide agricultural information; protect
11 and promote agricultural health; stabilize the income of farmers and ranchers through
12 conservation, credit, and disaster assistance efforts; and help farmers manage their agricultural
13 risks; and

14 **WHEREAS**, each of these programs deeply and significantly affects citizens of this
15 state, individually and collectively; and

16 **WHEREAS**, any reduction in the funding of these programs would create deep and
17 significant economic hardships to the men, women, and children of this state who have come to
18 rely and depend on these programs;

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

21 That the Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly urges the President of the United States and
22 Congress to fund fully all federal programs and to evaluate carefully the impact of any proposed
23 budget cuts on the men, women, and children of this state who rely and depend on the federal
24 programs for their health, their safety, their education, and their economic well-being; and

25 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
26 resolution to the President of the United States, the director of the United States Office of
27 Management and Budget, the majority and minority leaders of the United States House of
28 Representatives and the United States Senate, and to each member of the North Dakota
29 Congressional Delegation.