

**Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 4, 2005**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3023
(Representatives Delmore, Glassheim, Price)
(Senators Espegard, Fischer, Krebsbach)

A concurrent resolution urging the Base Realignment and Closure Commission, the Secretary of Defense, and the President of the United States to support the continued maintenance of the military bases in North Dakota.

WHEREAS, in 2005 there will be recommendations for military base closures as part of the base realignment and closure rounds, as provided by Congress and supported by the President of the United States and the Department of Defense; and

WHEREAS, the state of North Dakota has three distinct and important military installations: the Grand Forks Air Force Base, the Minot Air Force Base, and the Fargo Air National Guard Base; and

WHEREAS, each North Dakota military base is a critical component to the armed forces that serve our country and the value of each base is clearly demonstrable through the established criteria of the 2005 base realignment and closure rounds; and

WHEREAS, the 319th Air Refueling Wing, the Warriors of the North, in Grand Forks, is critical to the armed forces capacity to effectively produce a worldwide response by the United States Air Force; and

WHEREAS, the 5th Bomb Wing, one of only two B-52 wings, and the 91st Space Wing, known as the Rough Riders, located in Minot, are essential components to the United States Air Force bomber and intercontinental ballistic missile operations; and

WHEREAS, the Air National Guard 178th Fighter Squadron in Fargo, known as the Happy Hooligans, plays a key role in our nation's air response as demonstrated in flying some of the first missions over Washington, D.C., after the September 11, 2001, tragedy; and

WHEREAS, the people of North Dakota have a strong tradition of supporting the military and the military personnel who provide for the protection of this country; and

WHEREAS, the military personnel in the North Dakota military bases are an honored part of the communities in which they live and have the fullest gratitude of the people of this state for their commitment and service;

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

That the Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly urges the Base Realignment and Closure Commission, the Secretary of Defense, and the President of the United States to support the continued maintenance of the military bases in North Dakota; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the Base Realignment and Closure Commission, the Secretary of Defense, the President of the United States, 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 _____, 2005,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State