

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4040

Introduced by

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(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

1 A concurrent resolution urging the Commissioner of Major League Baseball to reinstate Roger
2 Maris as holder of the single-season major league baseball home run record.

3 **WHEREAS**, during the first 127 seasons of major league baseball no player recorded
4 more than the 61 home runs hit by Roger Maris in 1961; and

5 **WHEREAS**, in a span of four years the single-season high number of home runs from
6 the first 127 seasons of major league baseball was surpassed six times by three players, and
7 the likelihood of this occurrence is so statistically remote as to tax the faith of any baseball fan,
8 and each player to perform this feat is widely suspected of using performance-enhancing
9 substances; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the Congress of the United States has seen fit to conduct hearings to
11 investigate the extent of usage of performance-enhancing substances by major league baseball
12 players; and

13 **WHEREAS**, baseball fans, more than any other sports fans, cherish the records and
14 history of the game and the integrity of the players who rightfully deserve to be recognized for
15 excelling without cheating; and

16 **WHEREAS**, a thorough review of the validity of baseball records should be initiated by
17 reinstating the Roger Maris single-season home run record, with the objective of reinstating the
18 integrity of baseball by restoring records to those who have established them through physical
19 and mental ability without the aid of performance-enhancing substances;

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

22 That the Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly urges the Commissioner of Major League
23 Baseball to reinstate the single-season major league home run record established by Roger
24 Maris as the valid single-season home run record for major league baseball; and

- 1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State send copies of this resolution
- 2 to the Commissioner of Major League Baseball, the family of Roger Maris, and each member of
- 3 the United States Congress.