

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3023

Introduced by

Representatives Delmore, Glassheim, Price

Senators Espegard, Fischer, Krebsbach

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
10 resolution to the Base Realignment and Closure Commission, the Secretary of Defense, the
11 President of the United States, and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional
12 Delegation.