

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4024

Introduced by

Senators Krauter, Bercier, Stenehjem

Representatives Berg, Boucher, Kerzman

1 A concurrent resolution urging Congress and the Secretary of the United States Department of
2 the Interior to provide funding for United Tribes Technical College.

3 **WHEREAS**, United Tribes Technical College has been in continuous operation since
4 1969 and provides a preschool, kindergarten through grade 8 elementary school, and
5 20 certified and two-year technical degree programs; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the United Tribes Technical College is the only intertribally controlled
7 postsecondary vocational institution for Native Americans in the United States; and

8 **WHEREAS**, United Tribes Technical College provides comprehensive education and
9 training programs to nearly 500 Native American students from more than 15 states and
10 40 tribes; and

11 **WHEREAS**, United Tribes Technical College has an excellent record on job placement,
12 averaging 80 percent in the last decade and 96 percent in 1997; and

13 **WHEREAS**, United Tribes Technical College does not receive funding under the Tribally
14 Controlled College or University Assistance Act and must therefore rely upon the Bureau of
15 Indian Affairs to meet its financial needs; and

16 **WHEREAS**, although a recent United States Department of Education study identified
17 the need for over \$16 million for renovation of existing housing and instructional buildings and
18 over \$30 million for the construction of housing and instructional buildings at United Tribes
19 Technical College, the current administration has not included any funding for the institution in
20 its budget;

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

23 That the Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States and
24 the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior to provide fiscal year 2006 funding
25 in the amount of \$3.5 million to United Tribes Technical College; and

- 1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
- 2 resolution to the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior, to the President of
- 3 United Tribes Technical College, and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional
- 4 Delegation.