

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4040
(Senators Heitkamp, O'Connell, Stenehjem)
(Representatives Berg, Boucher, Hawken)
(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2005,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State