

**Sixtieth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Wednesday, January 3, 2007**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3024
(Representatives Delmore, Glassheim, Klein)
(Senators Holmberg, Krebsbach, Triplett)

A concurrent resolution in support of the efforts of the Congressional Delegation, the Governor's Task Force on Military in North Dakota, the Grand Forks Council on Military Relations, the Minot Task Force 21, and the Fargo-Moorhead (F-M) Air National Guard Support Group to maintain and enhance military force structure and missions in this state and support of state and local officials in their efforts to keep this state a first-class place for members of the armed forces to live and work.

WHEREAS, the military bases and military units located in North Dakota have a major impact on the state's economy; and

WHEREAS, the Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missiles located at Minot Air Force Base have been a critical component of America's strategic deterrent for over 50 years and will remain so far into the future; and

WHEREAS, Minot's B-52s, the military's most cost-effective bombers, are being used extensively in the global war on terrorism and cutting the B-52 fleet could leave the United States with a shortfall in bombers until the time when a new long-range bomber enters the inventory; and

WHEREAS, Grand Forks Air Force Base is transitioning to become a center in the emerging field of unmanned aerial systems and the Happy Hooligans in Fargo are transitioning to two of the Air Force's most important new missions--Predator unmanned aerial vehicles and future joint cargo aircraft; and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Army National Guard has been heavily engaged in the war on terror since 2001; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation, the Governor's Task Force on Military in North Dakota, the Grand Forks Council on Military Relations, the Minot Task Force 21, and the F-M Air National Guard Support Group helped maintain military missions at all of North Dakota's military bases during the 2005 base realignment and closure round;

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

That the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly supports the efforts of the Congressional Delegation, the Governor's Task Force on Military in North Dakota, the Grand Forks Council on Military Relations, the Minot Task Force 21, and the F-M Air National Guard Support Group to maintain and enhance military force to maintain and enhance military force structure and missions in this state and supports state and local officials in their efforts to keep this state a first-class place for members of the armed forces to live and work; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation, the Governor, the Governor's Task Force on Military in North Dakota, the Grand Forks Council on Military Relations, the Minot Task Force 21, the F-M Air National Guard Support Group, the Adjutant General of North Dakota, to the officer in charge of each air force base in this state, and the North Dakota League of Cities.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2007,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State