

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3038

Introduced by

Representatives S. Meyer, Boe, Delmore, Ekstrom, Mueller, Schneider

1 A concurrent resolution supporting the North Dakota Congressional Delegation's efforts to
2 make prescription drugs more affordable and urging Congress to take the necessary actions to
3 make prescription drugs more affordable for all Americans.

4 **WHEREAS**, Congressman Earl Pomeroy is cochair of the Rural Health Care Coalition,
5 a bipartisan coalition of members of Congress committed to advancing rural priorities in health
6 care policy; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Senator Kent Conrad has made the high cost of health care in this state
8 one of his top concerns, supporting efforts to bring drug pricing in the United States in line with
9 lower prices offered in other countries and supporting efforts to improve access to lower-priced
10 generic drugs; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Senator Byron Dorgan has a long record of supporting reforms to improve
12 access to affordable prescription drugs, including efforts to improve the Medicare drug benefit
13 and efforts to make prescription drug importation safe and legal; and

14 **WHEREAS**, studies indicate that inadequate access to affordable prescription drugs
15 results in increased medical expenses, such as increased emergency mental health services
16 and increased nursing home admissions; and

17 **WHEREAS**, rising prescription drug costs in the United States have significant financial
18 impacts on insured individuals, Medicare recipients, state and federal Medicaid expenditures,
19 state and federal children's health insurance program expenditures, and uninsured individuals;

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

22 That the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly supports the North Dakota Congressional
23 Delegation's efforts to make prescription drugs more affordable and urges the Congress of the
24 United States to take the necessary actions to make prescription drugs more affordable for all
25 Americans; and

- 1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
- 2 resolution to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.