

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution urging Congress to recognize the multiple benefits of industrial hemp  
2 and to facilitate the growing of industrial hemp and the expansion of industries reliant on  
3 industrial hemp-based products.

4 **WHEREAS**, the first record of hemp plant use for stem fiber comes from the Chinese  
5 during the 28th century B.C.; and

6 **WHEREAS**, over the centuries, hemp was valued for maritime uses, clothing, and  
7 bagging for cotton; and

8 **WHEREAS**, today hemp is produced legally in more than 30 nations, including Canada,  
9 Great Britain, France, Germany, Australia, and China, and is used in textiles, automotive door  
10 panels, luggage racks, insulation, horticultural growth mats, mulch, animal bedding, mortars,  
11 paper, biomass fuel, salad dressings, nutrition bars, flour breads, cookies, granola, meatless  
12 burgers, protein powders, chips, pasta, coffee blends, frozen desserts, and body care products  
13 such as lotions, lip balms, conditioners, shampoos, soaps, shaving products, and massage oils;  
14 and

15 **WHEREAS**, the demand for industrial hemp has resulted in the United States becoming  
16 the world's largest importer of foreign-grown hemp; and

17 **WHEREAS**, American farmers have been prevented from enjoying the economic  
18 benefits of lucrative new hemp markets because of existing federal barriers;

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

21 That the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to  
22 recognize the multiple benefits that are obtainable through the production of industrial hemp  
23 and to do all things necessary and proper to facilitate the growing of industrial hemp and the  
24 expansion of industries reliant on industrial hemp-based products; 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 Agriculture and to each member
- 3 of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.