

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3028
(Representatives Monson, Aarsvold, Nelson)
(Senators Heitkamp, Holmberg, Wanzek)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

That the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to recognize the multiple benefits that are obtainable through the production of industrial hemp and to do all things necessary and proper to facilitate the growing of industrial hemp and the expansion of industries reliant on industrial hemp-based products; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

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