

Sixtieth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

Introduced by

Representatives Froelich, Brandenburg, Kempenich, Kerzman

Senators Bowman, Taylor

1 A concurrent resolution urging Congress to implement country of origin labeling for all meat and
2 poultry products.

3 **WHEREAS**, the 2002 Farm Security and Rural Investment Act mandated country of
4 origin labeling at the retail level for seafood, beef, veal, pork, lamb, fresh and frozen fruits and
5 vegetables, and peanuts; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Congress delayed implementation of significant portions of the law until
7 2008, largely as a result of efforts by the meat packing industry, processors, and retailers; and

8 **WHEREAS**, American meat often is sold in grocery stores and restaurants with no
9 distinguishing labels or origin information; and

10 **WHEREAS**, American consumers consistently have supported country of origin labeling
11 for meat originating in the United States; and

12 **WHEREAS**, country of origin labeling would allow informed consumers to exercise their
13 preferences for American meat and would allow producers to identify proudly the result of their
14 efforts as products of the United States; and

15 **WHEREAS**, country of origin labeling would preserve confidence in our food system by
16 increasing the ability of consumers to identify the source of their foods and to make selections
17 based on that identification;

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

20 That the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to first
21 ensure that proposed rules governing implementation of country of origin labeling adequately
22 address cattle industry concerns and then implement mandatory country of origin labeling for all
23 meat and poultry products; and

24 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
25 resolution to the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture, the members of the

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- 1 Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee, the members of the House Committee
- 2 on Agriculture, and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.