

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4002
(Senators Stenehjem, J. Lee, O'Connell)
(Representatives Berg, Boucher, Delzer)

A concurrent resolution honoring and remembering Gerald R. Ford, Thirty-eighth President of the United States.

WHEREAS, all North Dakotans were saddened to learn of the death of former President Gerald R. Ford on December 26, 2006; and

WHEREAS, President Gerald R. Ford served in the Pacific Theatre in the United States Navy during World War II, in the United States House of Representatives, including eight years as minority leader, as vice president, and as President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, President Gerald R. Ford had strong Midwestern roots, having been born in Nebraska, attended college at the University of Michigan where he helped his football team win two national titles, and having represented the state of Michigan in Congress; and

WHEREAS, President Gerald R. Ford will be remembered for having restored honesty, candor, and integrity to government as he ushered in a new era of national healing at a time of crisis in our nation; and

WHEREAS, President Gerald R. Ford's steadfast support of his wife Betty during her struggles with breast cancer and substance abuse addiction helped remove the stigmas associated with these medical and social ills; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans were particularly honored when as President, Gerald R. Ford named a North Dakotan, Thomas Kleppe, to the cabinet position of Secretary of the Interior; and

WHEREAS, all North Dakotans join our nation in mourning the passing of this great American;

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

That we join all North Dakotans in expressing our sorrow on the passing of former President Gerald R. Ford as we honor and remember him for his loyal and dedicated service to our country; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward a copy of this resolution to the family of former President Gerald R. Ford and a copy to the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library and Museum in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

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

Secretary of State