Sixtieth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3039

Introduced by

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Representatives Berg, Boucher, Delzer

Senators Stenehjem, J. Lee, O'Connell

1 A concurrent resolution urging the United States Secretary of Commerce to complete a 2 Taiwan-United States free trade agreement. 3 WHEREAS, Taiwan and the United States enjoy one of the most important economic 4 and strategic international relationships that exist today; and 5 WHEREAS, Taiwan and the United States promote shared beliefs in freedom, 6 democracy, and market principles; and 7 WHEREAS, Taiwan is the fourth largest market in the world for United States hard red 8 spring wheat; and 9 WHEREAS, Taiwan imported 4,042,000 metric tons of hard red spring wheat from the 10 United States in the 2005-06 marketing year as a cash customer; and 11 WHEREAS, a Taiwan-United States free trade agreement would encourage greater 12 innovation and new cooperative ventures for producers and entrepreneurs of both nations; and 13 WHEREAS, a Taiwan-United States free trade agreement would build on the strong 14 relationship between Taiwan and the United States by simultaneously enhancing security and 15 democracy and serving the broader interests of the United States in the Asia-Pacific region; 16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 17 OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN: 18 That the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly urges the United States Secretary of Commerce 19 to complete a Taiwan-United States free trade agreement; and 20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly is supportive of all 21 efforts to grant Taiwan official observer status at the World Health Assembly because Taiwan 22 has had substantial achievements in the field of health, Taiwan has been a collaborative partner

of the United States on a wide range of public health issues, and Taiwan can have a major

regional and even global impact on people's health and well-being; and

- 1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
- 2 resolution to the President of the United States, the United States Secretary of State, the United
- 3 States Secretary of Commerce, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services, the
- 4 United States Trade Representative, and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional
- 5 Delegation.