

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4007

Introduced by

Senators Marcellais, Mathern, Oehlke

Representatives Conrad, Froelich

1 A concurrent resolution urging Congress to adopt a resolution of apology for the poor treatment
2 of Native Americans by the United States.

3 **WHEREAS**, the history of relations between the United States and the Indian tribes of
4 North America has passed through several distinct eras, including the nonintercourse era, the
5 Indian removal era, the reservation era, the allotment era, the Indian reorganization era, the
6 termination and relocation era, and the self-determination era; and

7 **WHEREAS**, much of the historical relationship between the United States and the
8 Indian tribes of North America may be characterized as unequal with the United States
9 benefitting from this unequal relationship; and

10 **WHEREAS**, one characteristic of a great nation is to recognize this unequal
11 relationship, the harm this unequal relationship has caused the Indian nations of the United
12 States, and to atone for past injustices;

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

15 That the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to
16 adopt a resolution of apology for the poor treatment of Native Americans by the United States;
17 and

18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
19 resolution to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.