

Sixty-first  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

Introduced by

Senators Potter, Krauter, Marcellais

Representatives Kilichowski, S. Meyer, Schmidt

1 A concurrent resolution urging the Congress of the United States and the President to enact  
2 federal legislation promoting travel to the United States by overseas visitors, thereby promoting  
3 the economies of communities across North Dakota and the United States.

4 **WHEREAS**, travel and tourism generates \$1.7 trillion in economic activity in the United  
5 States every year; and

6 **WHEREAS**, travel and tourism is a powerful economic generator for North Dakota,  
7 accounting for \$3.8 billion in visitor spending in the state in 2006; and

8 **WHEREAS**, travel and tourism promote job creation in North Dakota with as many as  
9 30,240 jobs related to travel and tourism economic activity, 8.6 percent of total employment in  
10 the state; and

11 **WHEREAS**, travel to the United States from overseas destinations has yet to rebound  
12 to pre-9/11 levels; and

13 **WHEREAS**, tourism promotes diplomacy as overseas visitors are more likely to have a  
14 favorable opinion of the United States after having visited; and

15 **WHEREAS**, all major industrialized nations except the United States have national  
16 tourism policies and spend significant funds on promoting their destinations overseas, and, in  
17 turn, see substantial returns on their investments; and

18 **WHEREAS**, communities across the state work to promote travel and would benefit  
19 from a federal promotion; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the Travel Promotion Act would benefit North Dakota and every state,  
21 create jobs, explain national security procedures, and improve our national image around the  
22 world;

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

1           That the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States and  
2 the President to enact federal legislation promoting travel to the United States by overseas  
3 visitors, thereby promoting the economies of communities across North Dakota and the United  
4 States; and

5           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this  
6 resolution to the President and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.