

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.

Introduced by

Representative DeKrey

1 A concurrent resolution urging Congress and the president to release information on and
2 address the public health issues of mercury in dental amalgams.

3 **WHEREAS**, a dental amalgam is the silver colored material used to fill teeth that have
4 cavities and is made out of nearly equal parts of liquid mercury and a powder containing silver,
5 tin, copper, zinc, and other metals; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the evaluation of dental amalgams by the United States Food and Drug
7 Administration has been surrounded in controversy, including a review by the United States
8 Department of Health and Human Services National Institutes of Health which has not been
9 released to the public; and

10 **WHEREAS**, some other countries, including Canada, France, and Sweden, follow a
11 precautionary principle and avoid the use of dental amalgams in pregnant women; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Food and Drug Administration is funded in significant portion in user
13 fees which brings into question any study done by the Food and Drug Administration;

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

16 That the 61st Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States and the
17 president of the United States to release information on and address the public health issues of
18 mercury in dental amalgams; and

19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
20 resolution to the chairman of the National Institutes of Health, the commissioner of the United
21 State Food and Drug Administration, to each member of the North Dakota congressional
22 delegation, and to the president of the United States.