

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**, an evaluation of the safety of dental amalgams by the United States Food  
7 and Drug Administration has been surrounded in controversy and has been reviewed by the  
8 United States Department of Health and Human Services' National Institutes of Health in a  
9 report that has not been released to the public; and

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

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

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

17 That the sixty-first Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States and  
18 the President of the United States to release information on and address the public health  
19 issues of mercury in dental amalgams; and

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