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Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.

Introduced by

Senator Marcellais

1	A concurrent resolution urging Congress to adopt a resolution of apology for the treatment of
2	Native Americans by the United States.
3	WHEREAS, the history of relations between the United States and the Indian tribes of
4	North America have passed through several distinct eras including the nonintercourse era, the
5	Indian removal era, the reservation era, and allotment era, the Indian reorganization era, the
6	termination and relocation era, and the self-determination era; and
7	WHEREAS, much of the historical relations between the United States and the Indian
8	tribes of North America may be characterized as unequal with the United States benefitting
9	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 passed injustices; and
13	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE
14	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:
15	That Sixty-first Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to adopt a
16	resolution of apology for the treatment of Native Americans by the United States; and
17	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
18	resolution to each member of the Congressional Delegation.