

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.

Introduced by

Representatives Boucher, Froelich, Vig

Senators Krauter, Taylor

1 A concurrent resolution urging Congress to enact meaningful payment limit reform that sets a
2 hard cap on farm program payments to any one individual at \$250,000 and requires that all
3 payment recipients be actively engaged in farming.

4 **WHEREAS**, the system of farm program payments administered by the Farm Service
5 Agency of the United States Department of Agriculture constitutes a necessary safety net for
6 family farmers and ranchers; and

7 **WHEREAS**, this farm program payment system makes annual payments to individuals
8 who are not actively engaged in farming, as well as corporate mega-farms beyond what is a
9 reasonable level of federal support; and

10 **WHEREAS**, this practice of improper and excessive payments undermines the very
11 existence of the farm safety net and erodes support for those family farmers who depend on the
12 farm program;

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

15 That the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to
16 enact meaningful payment limit reform that sets a hard cap on farm program payments to any
17 one individual at \$250,000 and requires that all payment recipients be actively engaged in
18 farming; and

19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
20 resolution to the United States Secretary of Agriculture and to each member of the North
21 Dakota Congressional Delegation.