

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.

Introduced by

Representative Boehning

(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

1 A concurrent resolution urging Congress to appoint an independent council to investigate the
2 issue of American prisoners of war and those missing in action.

3 **WHEREAS**, the issue of prisoners of war and those missing in action has been a
4 national dilemma since the end of World War II; and

5 **WHEREAS**, there is a strong need for an independent investigation into all unresolved
6 matters relating to any United States personnel unaccounted for from the Vietnam era, the
7 Korean conflict, World War II, Cold War missions, and the Gulf War, including personnel
8 missing in action and prisoners of war; and

9 **WHEREAS**, it is the responsibility and duty of the United States government to bring
10 home Americans missing in action from the Vietnam War, the Cold War, the Korean War, World
11 War II, and the Gulf War; and

12 **WHEREAS**, as of July 2005, the Government Accountability Office listed 88,115 service
13 men and women unaccounted for from World War II, Korean and Cold War conflicts, the
14 Vietnam War, the Gulf War, and other conflicts; and

15 **WHEREAS**, American prisoners of war and their missing comrades have demonstrated
16 the true spirit of our nation and should never be forgotten; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the families of these inspiring Americans deserve to know what truly
18 happened to their loved ones; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Americans from every generation have answered the call to duty with
20 dedication and valor and these brave Americans deserve the respect and gratitude of our
21 nation and all efforts should be made to resolve the prisoner of war and missing in action issue
22 in their honor;

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

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1 That the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to
2 appoint an independent council to investigate the issue of American prisoners of war and those
3 missing in action; and

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