

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 counsel 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 Gulf War, Vietnam
7 Conflict, Korean Conflict, World War II, and Cold War missions, including personnel missing in
8 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 Gulf War, Vietnam Conflict, Korean Conflict, World
11 War II, and Cold War missions; and

12 **WHEREAS**, as of July 2005 the Government Accountability Office listed 88,115 service
13 men and women unaccounted for from these conflicts; and

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

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

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

22 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**
23 **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 counsel 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.