

Sixty-second
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

**ENGROSSED SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 4015**

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution urging Congress and the President to pursue peace in Iraq and
2 Afghanistan and disengage American combat forces from duty in these countries.

3 **WHEREAS**, the goals of the United States in the foreign wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have
4 been to reduce terrorist activity directed at the United States and to create a peaceful
5 environment for the citizens of those countries; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan are now the longest wars in the United States
7 history; and

8 **WHEREAS**, American forces on duty in Iraq and Afghanistan have served bravely in the
9 midst of the continued civil disorder in Iraq and the sectarian war in Afghanistan, and merit the
10 respect and support of all people; and

11 **WHEREAS**, now over 1 million American families have had a family member serve in these
12 overseas wars, and more than 4,000 Americans have died in these wars; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the continued cost of these wars in both the lives and health of American
14 forces and civilians and the cost to the United States government and our citizens of more than
15 \$10 billion per month cannot be sustained indefinitely; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the efforts of nongovernmental organizations to end violence against women in
17 Iraq, bring community-based health, education, and economic development to Afghanistan and
18 Iraq, and promote peace should be supported;

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

21 That the Sixty-second Legislative Assembly urges Congress and the President to pursue
22 peace in Iraq and Afghanistan with the combined efforts of nongovernmental organizations and
23 the United States military forces, to disengage and safely withdraw American forces from those
24 countries at the appropriate time, and to support, through reasonable expenditures of funds,
25 peaceful methods for decreasing the global risk of terrorist activities; and

- 1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution
- 2 to the President of the United States and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional
- 3 Delegation.