

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with House Amendments****ENGROSSED SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 4015**

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution urging Congress and the President to pursue peace through strength in
2 Iraq and Afghanistan and support American combat forces on duty in these countries and
3 around the world.

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

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

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

12 **WHEREAS**, it would be disruptive in the move toward democracy to abandon the cause to
13 which our brave patriots have sacrificed so much while we enjoy our safety and security here at
14 home; and

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

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

20 That the Sixty-second Legislative Assembly urges Congress and the President to pursue
21 peace, freedom, and democratic rule of law in Iraq and a just rule of law in Afghanistan through
22 the combined efforts of nongovernmental organizations and international and United States
23 military forces as they disengage from conflict and assist these countries in the transition to
24 peaceful and stable governments while continuing to support and honor American forces who
25 have dedicated themselves to protecting the United States of America and helped to bring an

- 1 end to violence against women and all citizens and have promoted the just cause of freedom
- 2 around the world, and to support, through appropriate means, our brave military personnel and
- 3 their families, and to support effective and secure governments in Iraq and Afghanistan which
- 4 will decrease the global risk of terrorist activities; and
- 5 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution
- 6 to the President of the United States and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional
- 7 Delegation.