

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3036

Introduced by

Representatives Drovdal, Carlson

Senators Mathern, W. Stenehjem, Redlin

1 A concurrent resolution commending Leland Stenehjem, Jr., upon his election as President of
2 the Independent Bankers Association of America.

3 **WHEREAS**, Leland Stenehjem, Jr., was elected last March and is now serving as
4 President of the Independent Bankers Association of America, a national banking association
5 made up of over 3,000 member banks serving the communities where independent community
6 banks operate throughout the country; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Leland Stenehjem, Jr., joined his late father, Leland Stenehjem, Sr., his
8 mother Judy Stenehjem, and his brother, Steven Stenehjem, in a family banking business
9 which was started as the Farmers State Bank in Arnegard, North Dakota, in 1910 by his
10 grandfather and which was moved to Watford City in the 1930s and renamed First International
11 Bank and Trust, and was the only bank in the county that survived the depression, of which
12 brother Steven Stenehjem is now president; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Leland Stenehjem, Jr., has been serving as President of First International
14 Bank & Trust of Fargo, and was recently named Banker of the Year for 1997 by the
15 Northwestern Financial Review, a seven-state weekly banking publication; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Leland Stenehjem, Jr., has joined his family in bringing the commitment of
17 community banking services to families and businesses in all parts of North Dakota and
18 recently to Arizona; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Leland Stenehjem, Jr., had prepared himself for his present leadership
20 duties by serving in the United States Army as a military aide at the White House, as Banking
21 Commissioner of North Dakota from 1981 to 1983, as Director of the Office of Management and
22 Budget from 1983 to 1985, and has brought the North Dakota spirit of dedication, service, and
23 goodwill to all parts of the country in his travels as President of the association;

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

1 That the Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly commends Leland Stenehjem, Jr., upon the
2 achievement of being recognized nationally as a bank leader and as the 1997 Banker of the
3 Year for this region; and

4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State present an enrolled copy of
5 this resolution to Leland Stenehjem, Jr.