

Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Monday, the sixth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3036
(Representatives Drovdal, Carlson)
(Senators Mathern, W. Stenehjem, Redlin)**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 1997,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State