

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4056**

Introduced by

Senators Holmberg, DeMers, Mutch, St. Aubyn, W. Stenehjem

Representatives Brusegaard, Delmore, Glassheim, Jensen, Kliniske, Lloyd, Nottestad,  
Poolman, Svedjan, Winrich

(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

1 A concurrent resolution of appreciation to Ralph and Betty Engelstad for their gift of \$100 million  
2 to the University of North Dakota.

3 **WHEREAS**, Ralph Engelstad is a graduate of the University of North Dakota and was a  
4 goalie on the UND hockey team in the 1950s; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Ralph Engelstad turned down an offer to play professional hockey in order  
6 to launch a successful business career and has become one of our nation's outstanding  
7 entrepreneurs; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Ralph and Betty Engelstad have never forgotten their midwestern roots and  
9 have given generously to his alma mater, including the valuable General Patton papers which  
10 are now a permanent part of the UND special collections; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Ralph and Betty Engelstad have now made a gift commitment of \$100  
12 million to the University of North Dakota Foundation, half of which is to be used to build a  
13 state-of-the-art 12,000-seat hockey arena and the rest to be available to benefit the University;  
14 and

15 **WHEREAS**, this latest gift from Ralph and Betty Engelstad is among the largest private  
16 gifts ever donated to a public university or college in this nation; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the business success of the Engelstads and their generosity to the  
18 University of North Dakota have set examples for young people to emulate;

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

21 That on behalf of all the people of North Dakota, the Legislative Assembly expresses  
22 sincerest appreciation for the generosity and foresight of Ralph and Betty Engelstad in making  
23 this historic contribution to benefit the University of North Dakota, its present and future  
24 students, and the people of this state and region; and

- 1           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State present an enrolled copy of
- 2 this resolution to Ralph and Betty Engelstad.