Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 9, 2001

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3033 (Representatives Monson, Huether, D. Johnson, R. Kelsch, Lemieux, Nelson)

- A concurrent resolution urging Congress to acknowledge the difference between marijuana and industrial hemp; to acknowledge that allowing and encouraging farmers to produce industrial hemp will improve the balance of trade by promoting domestic sources of industrial hemp; and to assist United States producers by clearly authorizing the commercial production of industrial hemp and by being the leading advocate for the industrial hemp industry.
- **WHEREAS**, industrial hemp refers to varieties of the cannabis plant which have a low content of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and which are cultivated for fiber and oil; and
- **WHEREAS**, industrial hemp should not be confused with varieties of cannabis which have a high content of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and which are commonly referred to as marijuana; and
- **WHEREAS**, the commercial production and cultivation of industrial hemp is now permitted in Canada, under licenses and authorizations issued by Health Canada; and
- **WHEREAS**, Health Canada controls, through rules, all activities relating to the importation, exportation, possession, production, sale, provision, transport, sending, delivering, and offering for sale of industrial hemp; and
 - WHEREAS, industrial hemp is grown legally throughout Europe and Asia; and
- **WHEREAS**, many farmers facing uncertain times in the agricultural marketplace view the reintroduction of industrial hemp as another potential alternative crop that will have long-term economic benefits to the farmers who produce the hemp and the persons who utilize hemp in the production of textiles, paper products, concrete reinforcement, automobile parts, plastics, cosmetics, organic foods, and natural body products; and
- **WHEREAS**, Congress never originally intended to prohibit the production of industrial hemp when restricting the production, possession, and use of marijuana;

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

That the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to acknowledge the difference between marijuana and industrial hemp; to acknowledge that allowing and encouraging farmers to produce industrial hemp will improve the balance of trade by promoting domestic sources of industrial hemp; and to assist United States producers by clearly authorizing the commercial production of industrial hemp and by being the leading advocate for the industrial hemp industry; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Secretary of Agriculture, the administrator of the United States Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration, the director of the Office of the National Drug Control Policy, the chairmen of the Senate and House Agriculture Committees, and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

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Speaker of the House	President of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House	Secretary of the Senate
Filed in this office this day of	, 2001,
at o'clock M.	
	Secretary of State