

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution proclaiming March 16, 2003, as Liberty Day.

2 **WHEREAS**, Americans' rights and liberties are rooted in the Declaration of
3 Independence and the United States Constitution; and

4 **WHEREAS**, James Madison, who later served as President of the United States, was a
5 primary drafter of the Constitution and is often referred to as the "Father of the Constitution";
6 and

7 **WHEREAS**, James Madison also presented to Congress for ratification of the first
8 10 amendments to the Constitution, which are known as the Bill of Rights; and

9 **WHEREAS**, James Madison was born on March 16, 1751:

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

12 That March 16, 2003, be designated as Liberty Day in honor of the anniversary of the
13 birth of James Madison; and

14 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all citizens be encouraged to recognize the
15 importance of the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution and its Bill of
16 Rights and be encouraged to exhibit the responsibility of preserving our form of constitutional
17 self-government.