

Introduced by

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(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

1 A concurrent resolution urging Congress to continue the Schools and Libraries Universal
2 Service Support Mechanism, more commonly known as the e-rate program.

3 **WHEREAS**, Congress has provided for the creation of the Schools and Libraries
4 Universal Service Support Mechanism to ensure that all eligible schools and libraries in the
5 United States have affordable access to modern telecommunications and information services;
6 and

7 **WHEREAS**, the citizens of the state of North Dakota are assessed federal universal
8 service fees to support the Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the state of North Dakota receives approximately \$2 million per year to
10 assist with the kindergarten through grade 12 operation of the state's wide area network, and
11 schools and libraries in the state receive approximately \$2 million per year to assist with
12 information technology activities;

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

15 That the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to
16 continue the Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, more commonly
17 known as the e-rate program; and

18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
19 resolution to the United States Senate and House of Representatives minority and majority
20 leaders and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.