Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 4, 2005

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4033
(Senators Every, Mathern, Wardner)
(Representatives Hawken, S. Kelsh, Nicholas)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study whether enhancing the quality of child care and increasing access to affordable child care would favorably impact economic development in the state.

WHEREAS, child care makes numerous contributions to quality of life in this state, including enhancing the social and intellectual development of the next generation of North Dakotans; and

WHEREAS, child care is the 10th largest occupation in the state, with annual revenues generated by the child care industry exceeding $123 million; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota families are very reliant on the child care industry, due in part to the fact the state has one of the highest rates of multiple jobholders in the nation; and

WHEREAS, a North Dakota family with a median family income for the state, $43,654 in 1999, spends approximately 10 to 12 percent of their gross earnings on the care of one infant; and

WHEREAS, availability of affordable, quality child care impacts the ability of the state to attract and retain businesses;

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

That the Legislative Council study whether enhancing the quality of child care and increasing access to affordable child care would favorably impact economic development in the state; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Council report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2005,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

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Secretary of State