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of North Dakota

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3060 with Senate Amendments

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Introduced by

Representatives Klein, Berg, Boucher

Senators Stenehjem, O'Connell

(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

A concurrent resolution urging the Department of Defense to use North Dakota for the Department of Defense's air space and special forces ground training initiatives.

WHEREAS, future special operations forces will require space with existing infrastructure and industry, with varying terrain and climates to train new nonstandard operations forces, develop and test new doctrines and tactics, and rehearse real-world scenarios; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota has the available towns and cities to train military operations on urban terrain, open remote land, and the infrastructure and industry access for targeting and securing; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota has low ongoing infrastructure or rental costs and a diverse industry base with no encroachment issues now or in the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota's geography allows for real combat zone dimensions to facilitate "train as we fight" in the air and on the ground; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota has diverse terrain and four distinct seasons that allow for the replication of similar terrain and weather conditions of unstable regions of the world; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota can provide the United States military with the nation's largest overland air and ground training space which will allow for synchronized joint operations training; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota has a thriving commercial and private air service industry that could be beneficial to assisting in this initiative and the state pledges to work cooperatively to ensure all military, private, and public air service needs are met; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota has five major Native American reservations for potential training with diverse cultures and native language challenges; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota has supportive political subdivisions and supportive populace with the highest per capita membership of United States military in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Assembly and Governor strongly support this initiative and, by this resolution, demonstrate to the Department of Defense their commitment and ongoing support;

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

That the Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly urges the Department of Defense to use North Dakota for the Department of Defense's air space and special forces ground training initiatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the Secretary of Defense, the President of the United States, and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.