

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4002

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution honoring and remembering Gerald R. Ford, Thirty-eighth President of
2 the United States.

3 **WHEREAS**, all North Dakotans were saddened to learn of the death of former President
4 Gerald R. Ford on December 26, 2006; and

5 **WHEREAS**, President Gerald R. Ford served in the Pacific Theatre in the United States
6 Navy during World War II, in the United States House of Representatives, including eight years
7 as minority leader, as vice president, and as President of the United States; and

8 **WHEREAS**, President Gerald R. Ford had strong Midwestern roots, having been born in
9 Nebraska, attended college at the University of Michigan where he helped his football team win
10 two national titles, and having represented the state of Michigan in Congress; and

11 **WHEREAS**, President Gerald R. Ford will be remembered for having restored honesty,
12 candor, and integrity to government as he ushered in a new era of national healing at a time of
13 crisis in our nation; and

14 **WHEREAS**, President Gerald R. Ford's steadfast support of his wife Betty during her
15 struggles with breast cancer and substance abuse addiction helped remove the stigmas
16 associated with these medical and social ills; and

17 **WHEREAS**, North Dakotans were particularly honored when as President, Gerald R.
18 Ford named a North Dakotan, Thomas Kleppe, to the cabinet position of Secretary of the
19 Interior; and

20 **WHEREAS**, all North Dakotans join our nation in mourning the passing of this great
21 American;

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

1 That we join all North Dakotans in expressing our sorrow on the passing of former
2 President Gerald R. Ford as we honor and remember him for his loyal and dedicated service to
3 our country; and

4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward a copy of this
5 resolution to the family of former President Gerald R. Ford and a copy to the Gerald R. Ford
6 Presidential Library and Museum in Grand Rapids, Michigan.