

FIRST ENGROSSMENT

Sixtieth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

**ENGROSSED HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 3024**

Introduced by

Representatives Delmore, Glassheim, Klein

Senators Holmberg, Krebsbach, Triplett

1 A concurrent resolution in support of the efforts of the Congressional Delegation, the
2 Governor's Task Force on Military in North Dakota, the Grand Forks Council on Military
3 Relations, the Minot Task Force 21, and the Fargo-Moorhead (F-M) Air National Guard Support
4 Group to maintain and enhance military force structure and missions in this state and support of
5 state and local officials in their efforts to keep this state a first-class place for members of the
6 armed forces to live and work.

7 **WHEREAS**, the military bases and military units located in North Dakota have a major
8 impact on the state's economy; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missiles located at Minot Air
10 Force Base have been a critical component of America's strategic deterrent for over 50 years
11 and will remain so far into the future; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Minot's B-52s, the military's most cost-effective bombers, are being used
13 extensively in the global war on terrorism and cutting the B-52 fleet could leave the United
14 States with a shortfall in bombers until the time when a new long-range bomber enters the
15 inventory; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Grand Forks Air Force Base is transitioning to become a center in the
17 emerging field of unmanned aerial systems and the Happy Hooligans in Fargo are transitioning
18 to two of the Air Force's most important new missions--Predator unmanned aerial vehicles and
19 future joint cargo aircraft; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the North Dakota Army National Guard has been heavily engaged in the
21 war on terror since 2001; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the efforts of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation, the Governor's
23 Task Force on Military in North Dakota, the Grand Forks Council on Military Relations, the
24 Minot Task Force 21, and the F-M Air National Guard Support Group helped maintain military

1 missions at all of North Dakota's military bases during the 2005 base realignment and closure
2 round;

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

5 That the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly supports the efforts of the Congressional
6 Delegation, the Governor's Task Force on Military in North Dakota, the Grand Forks Council on
7 Military Relations, the Minot Task Force 21, and the F-M Air National Guard Support Group to
8 maintain and enhance military force to maintain and enhance military force structure and
9 missions in this state and supports state and local officials in their efforts to keep this state a
10 first-class place for members of the armed forces to live and work; and

11 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
12 resolution to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation, the Governor, the
13 Governor's Task Force on Military in North Dakota, the Grand Forks Council on Military
14 Relations, the Minot Task Force 21, the F-M Air National Guard Support Group, the Adjutant
15 General of North Dakota, to the officer in charge of each air force base in this state, and the
16 North Dakota League of Cities.