

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3036

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution urging Congress and the President of the United States to enact federal
2 legislation to deny unintended tax benefits to foreign subsidiaries of United States companies
3 which are set up in tax haven countries.

4 **WHEREAS**, many profitable multinational businesses are using offshore tax havens to
5 avoid paying their fair share of United States taxes; and

6 **WHEREAS**, an investigation by a former economist for the Joint Committee on Taxation
7 revealed that United States multinational companies had moved hundreds of billions of dollars
8 of profits to tax havens for years 1999 through 2002, the most recent years for which Internal
9 Revenue Service data was available; and

10 **WHEREAS**, recent evidence suggests that the tax haven problem is getting worse and
11 may be draining the United States Treasury of tens of billions of dollars every year; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Senators Byron Dorgan and Carl Levin introduced federal legislation in the
13 109th Congress to put an end to this tax avoidance scheme adopted by many United States
14 companies that shift their United States earned profits to offshore tax haven subsidiaries; and

15 **WHEREAS**, enactment of this legislation would save the United States Treasury, and
16 therefore American taxpayers, an estimated \$15 billion over the next 10 years;

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

19 That the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly urges Senators Byron Dorgan and Carl Levin to
20 reintroduce and work to enact federal legislation in the 110th Congress which would deny
21 unintended tax benefits to foreign subsidiaries of United States companies that are set up in tax
22 haven countries and urges the President of the United States to support this legislative effort,
23 abandon the current ineffective methods for combatting offshore tax haven abuses, and adopt
24 new enforcement tools and tax policies to ensure multinational companies operating in this
25 country pay the United States taxes they rightfully owe; and

- 1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
- 2 resolution to Senators Byron Dorgan and Carl Levin, the President of the United States, and the
- 3 other members of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.