Sixtieth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota In Regular Session Commencing Wednesday, January 3, 2007

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3039 (Representatives Berg, Boucher, Delzer) (Senators Stenehjem, J. Lee, O'Connell)

A concurrent resolution urging the United States Secretary of Commerce to complete a Taiwan-United States free trade agreement.

WHEREAS, Taiwan and the United States enjoy one of the most important economic and strategic international relationships that exist today; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan and the United States promote shared beliefs in freedom, democracy, and market principles; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan is the fourth largest market in the world for United States hard red spring wheat; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan imported 585,000 metric tons of hard red spring wheat from the United States in the 2005-06 marketing year as a cash customer; and

WHEREAS, a Taiwan-United States free trade agreement would encourage greater innovation and new cooperative ventures for producers and entrepreneurs of both nations; and

WHEREAS, a Taiwan-United States free trade agreement would build on the strong relationship between Taiwan and the United States by simultaneously enhancing security and democracy and serving the broader interests of the United States in the Asia-Pacific region;

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

That the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly urges the United States Secretary of Commerce to complete a Taiwan-United States free trade agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly is supportive of all efforts to grant Taiwan official observer status at the World Health Assembly because Taiwan has had substantial achievements in the field of health, Taiwan has been a collaborative partner of the United States on a wide range of public health issues, and Taiwan can have a major regional and even global impact on people's health and well-being; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the United States Secretary of State, the United States Secretary of Commerce, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services, the United States Trade Representative, and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

 Speaker of the House
 President of the Senate

 Chief Clerk of the House
 Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this ______ day of ______, 2007,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State