

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4025**

Introduced by

Senators Nething, Stenehjem, Taylor

Representatives Carlson, DeKrey, J. Kelsh

(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

1 A concurrent resolution commending Assistant Attorney General Jonathan Byers for his quick  
2 and effective reaction to a serious threat to public safety, disregarding his own personal safety  
3 for the benefit of others.

4 **WHEREAS**, Jonathan Byers has held the position of Assistant Attorney General for nearly  
5 19 years, and is presently the Division Director of the Criminal and Regulatory Division of the  
6 Attorney General's office; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Byers has a reputation, throughout the state of North Dakota, as the "go to"  
8 prosecutor for difficult and complex sexual offense and other criminal cases; and

9 **WHEREAS**, having concluded a recent week-long felony trial, Mr. Byers was confronted, in  
10 open court, by the recently convicted defendant who was brandishing a handgun; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Byers, being unarmed himself, but recognizing the seriousness and danger  
12 of the situation, did at great risk to his own personal safety, physically and forcefully subdue the  
13 defendant before the weapon could be discharged, thus preserving the safety of those present,  
14 including the judge, the jury, and the public;

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

17 That the Legislative Assembly commends Assistant Attorney General Jonathan Byers for  
18 his heroic actions, which exemplify the degree to which a public employee may act in the  
19 interests of the public he serves; and

20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution  
21 to Assistant Attorney General Jonathan Byers and to Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem.